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HEY, KIDS!
ZONIC HERE TO PRESENT YOU
A SONIC & KNUCKLES STORY
THAT WILL BE SURE TO LEAVE
YOU BESIDE YOURSELF!

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ZONE WARS!

GIANT ROBOTNO

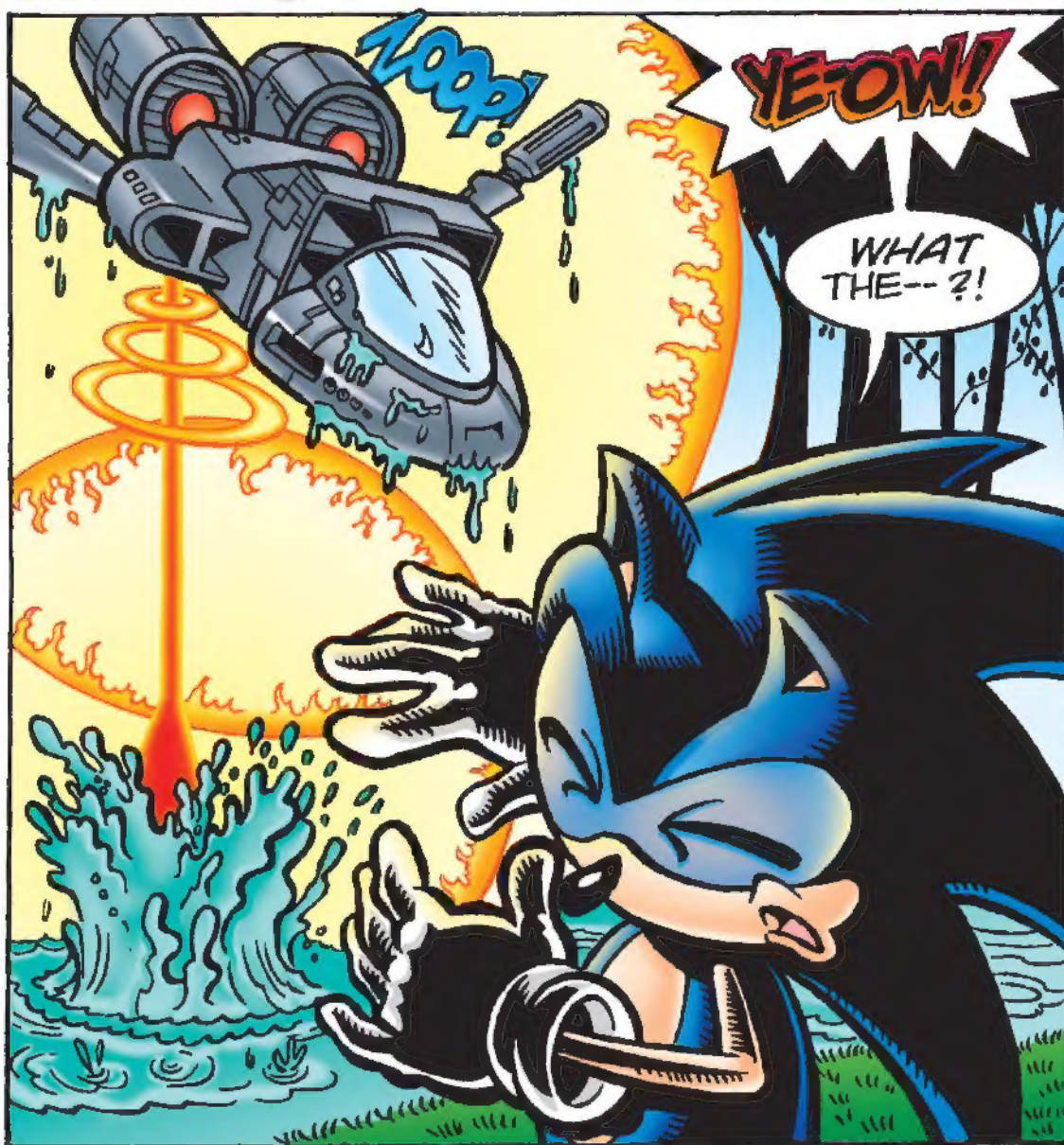
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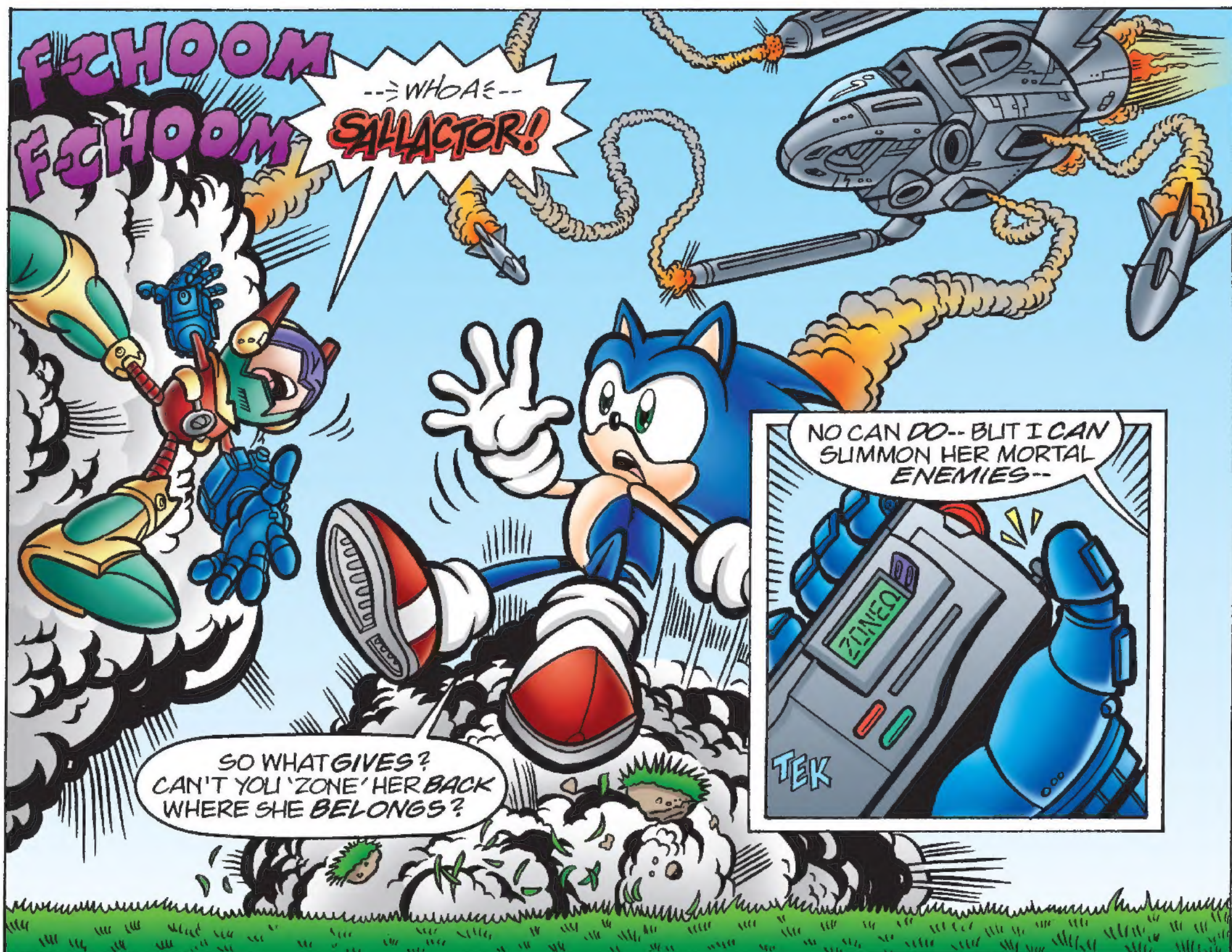
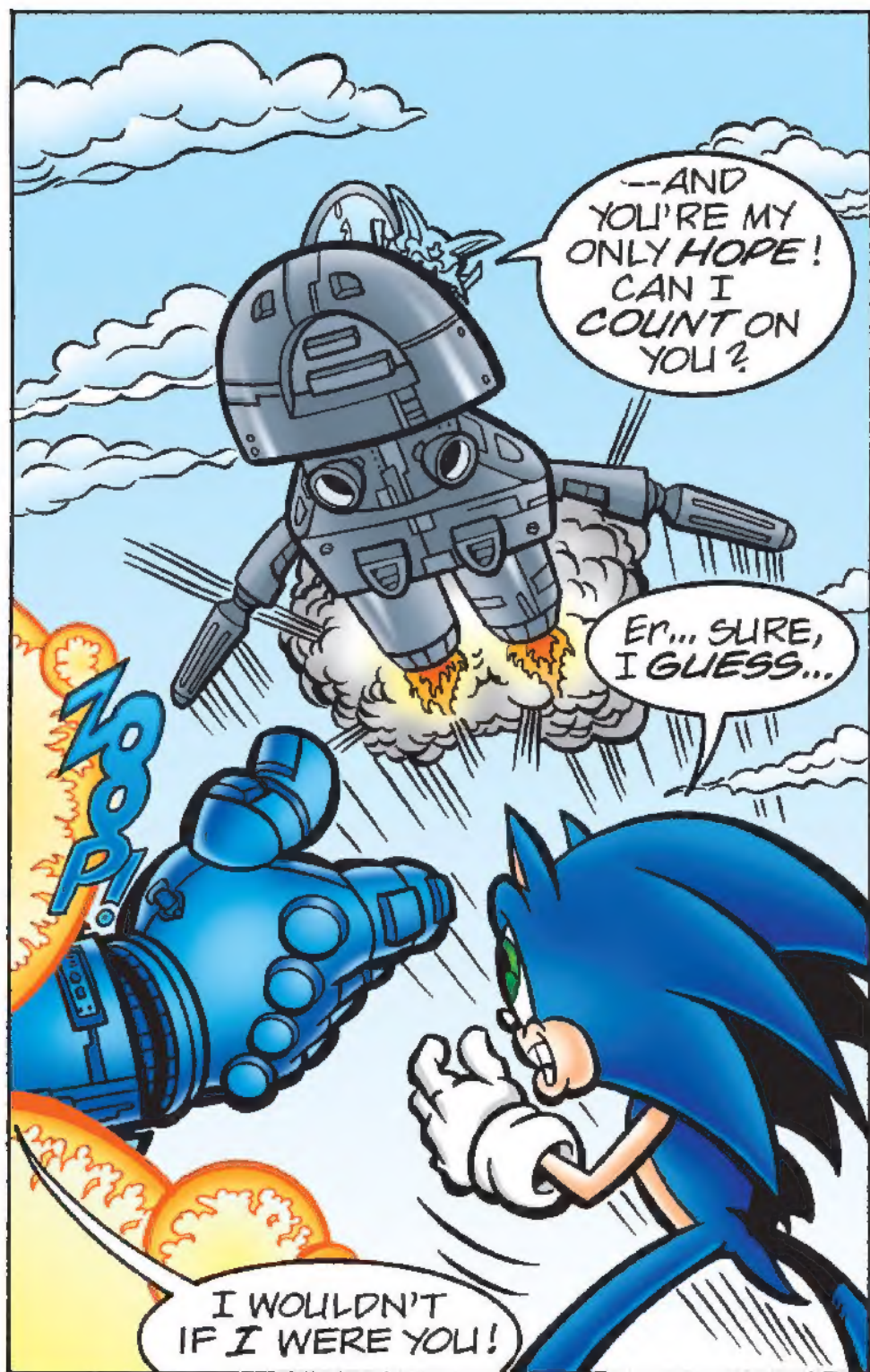
A LAZY AFTERNOON IN KNOTHOLE KINGDOM--

--WHERE A FAMILIAR BLUE FIGURE TAKES A MUCH-DESERVED REST FROM FREEDOM FIGHTING.

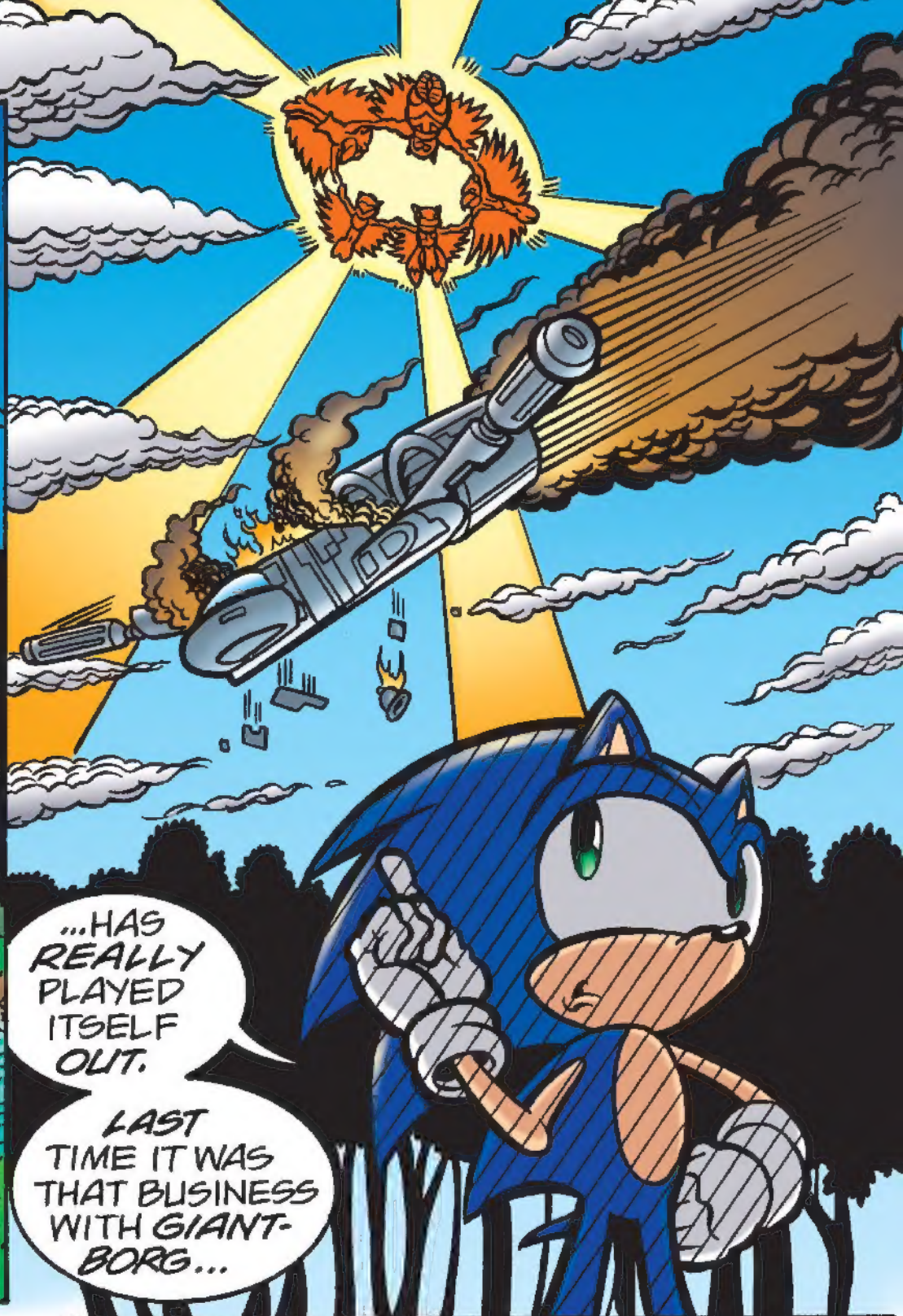
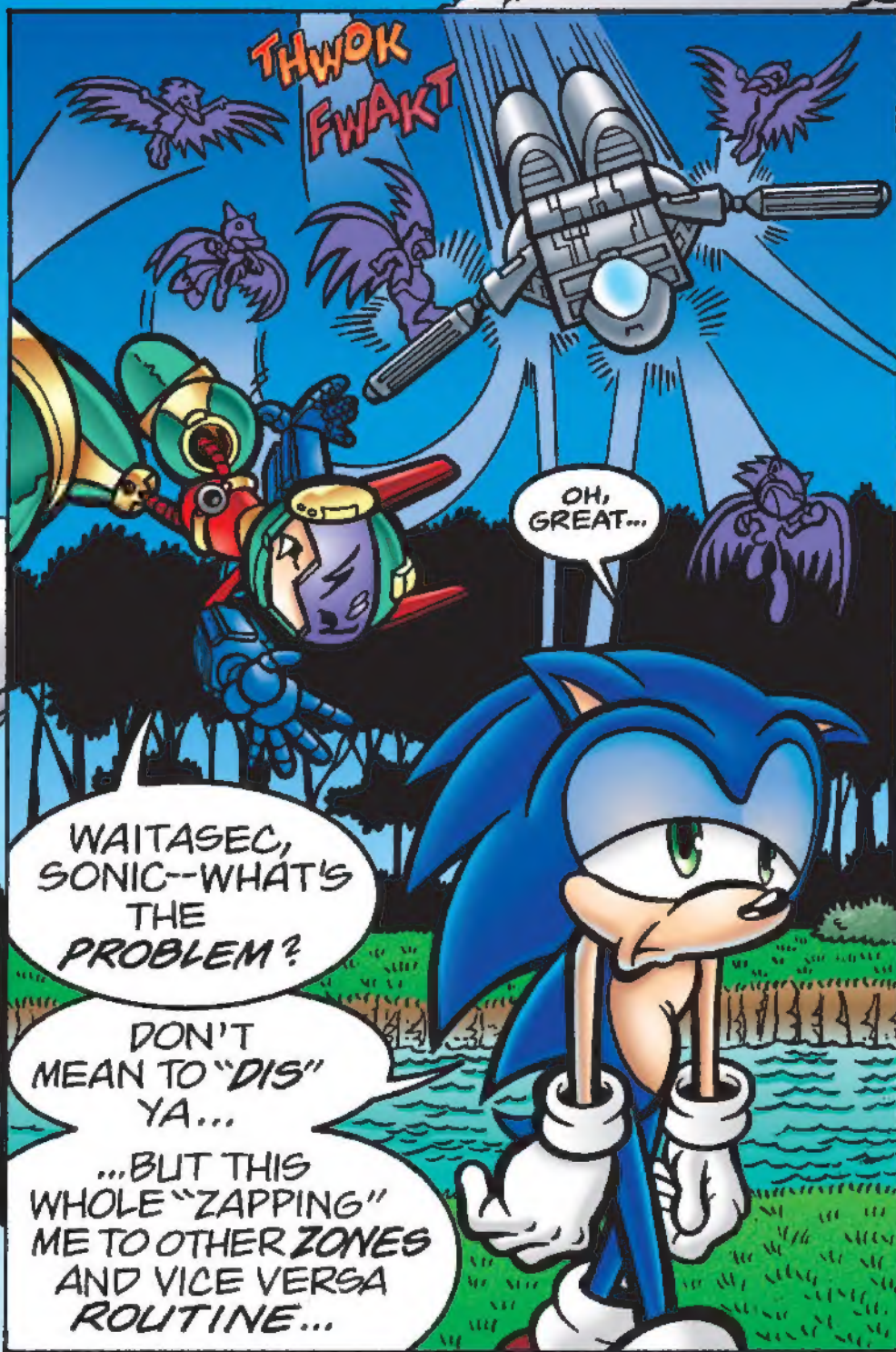
TOO BAD HIS TIME OFF--

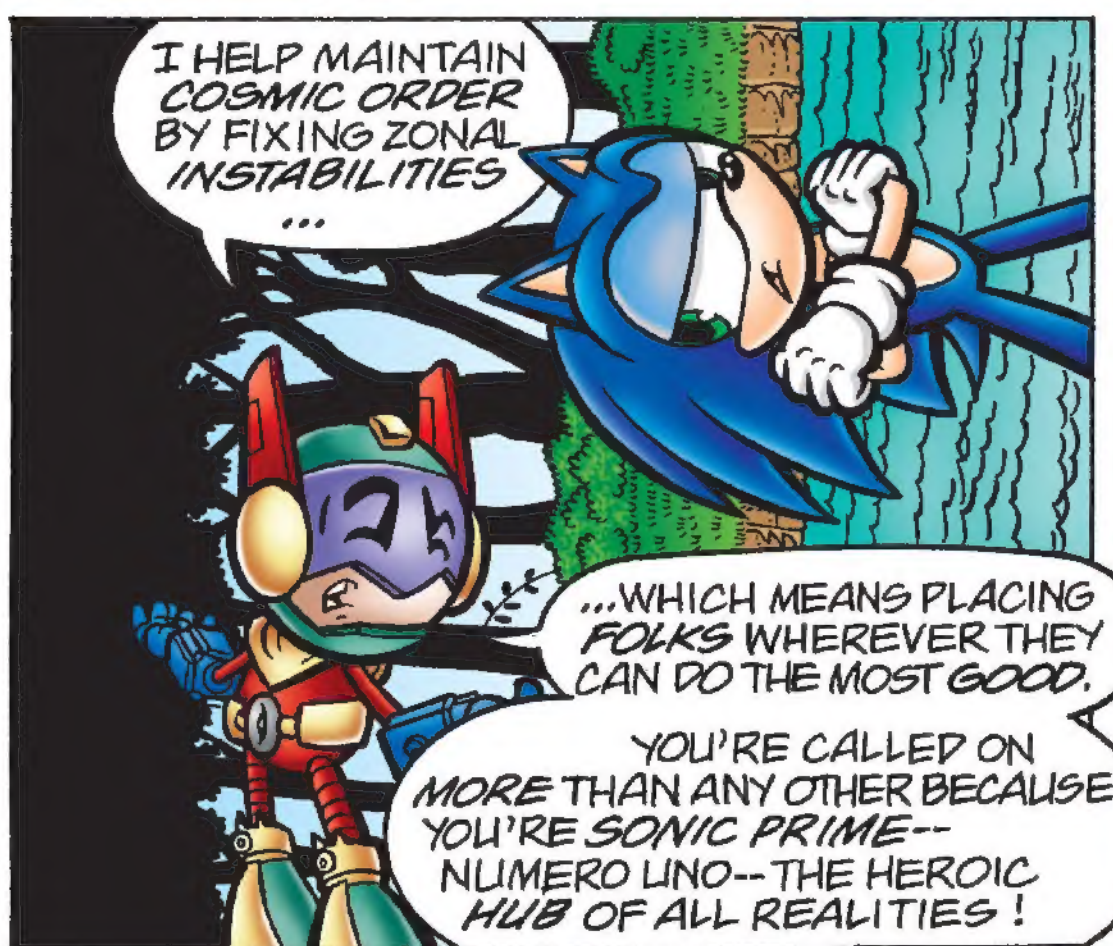
--IS ABOUT TO BE CUT WAY TOO SHORT!

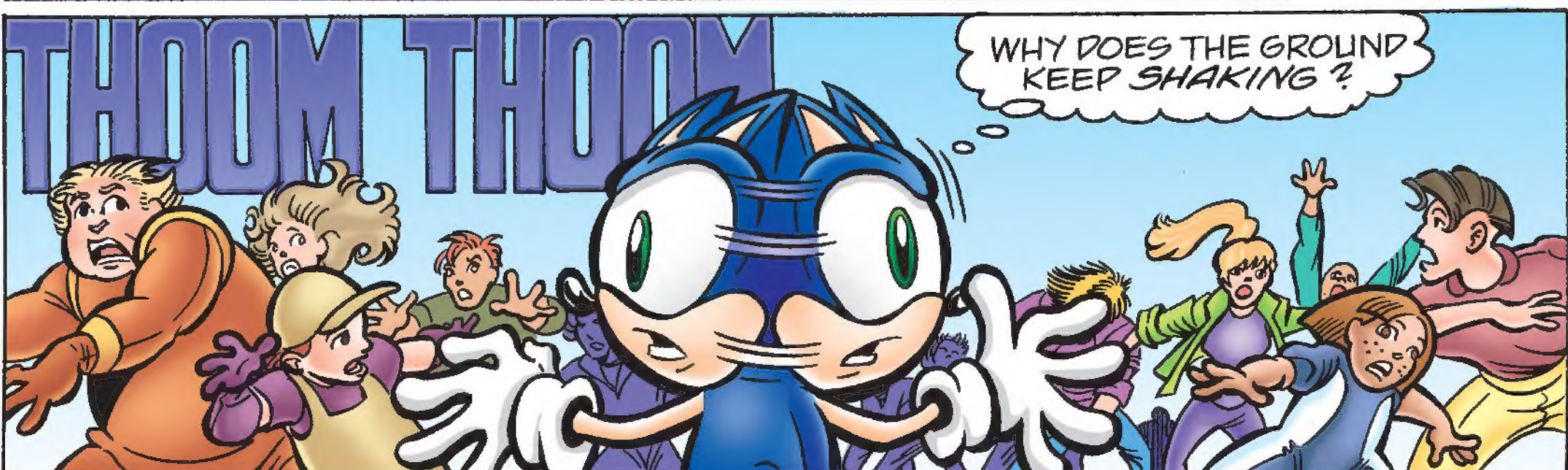
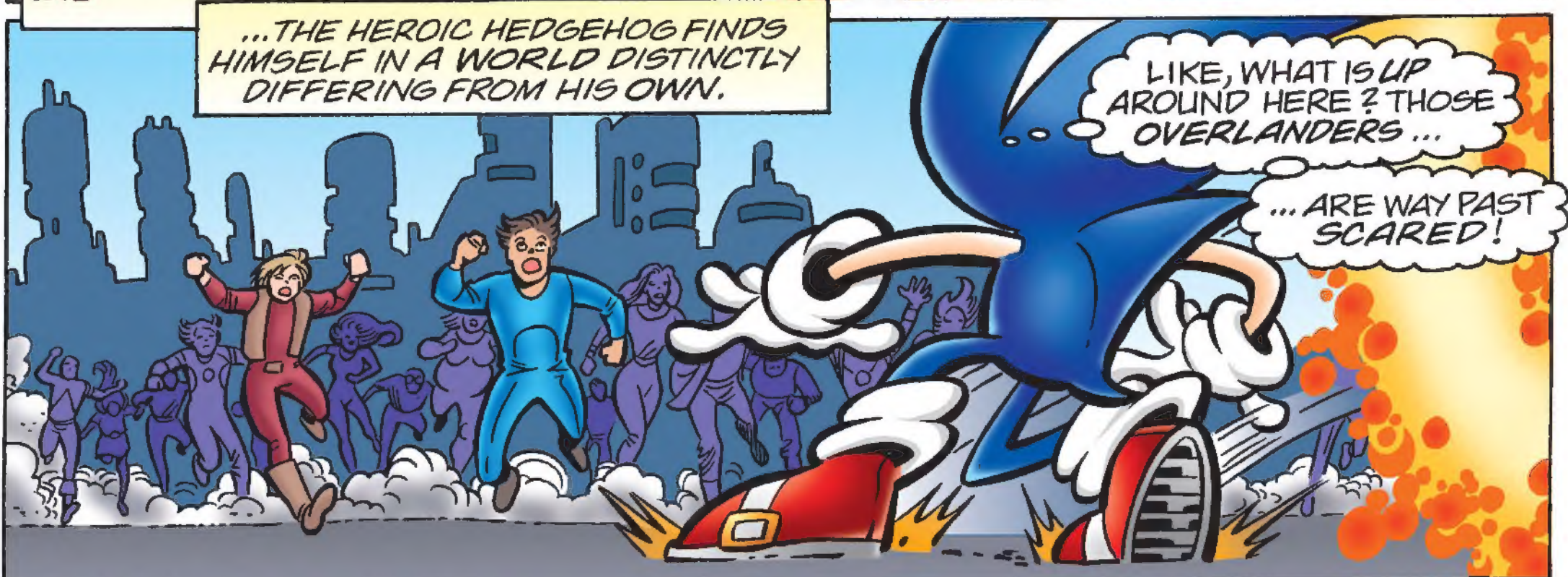
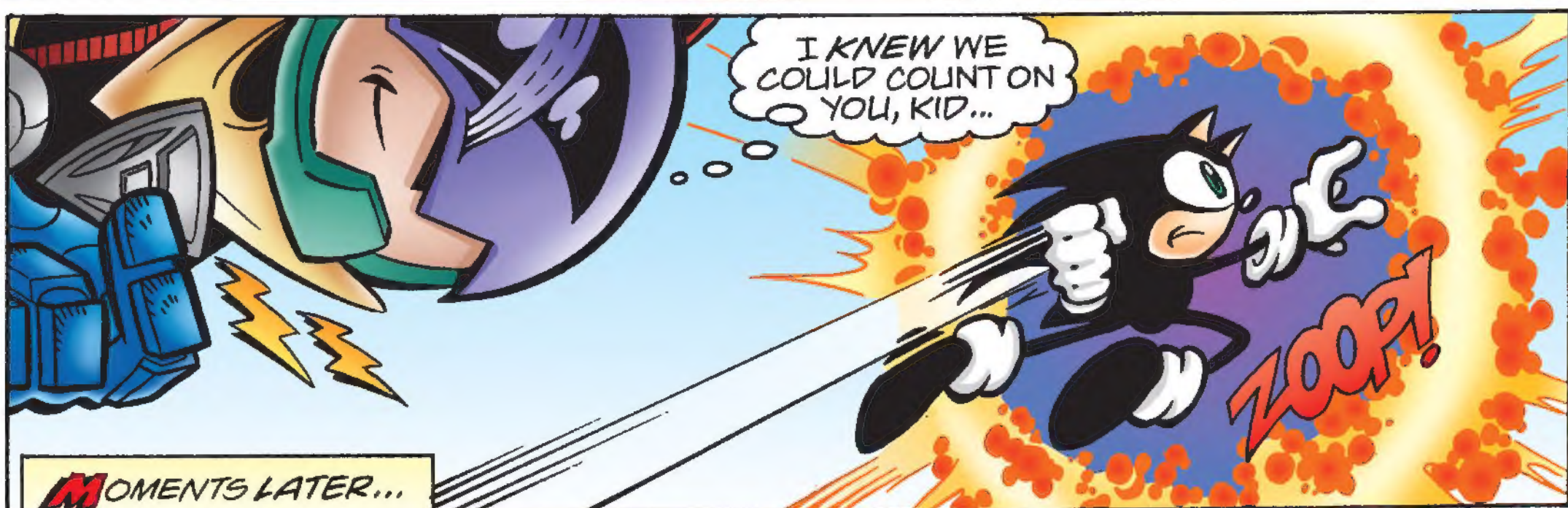
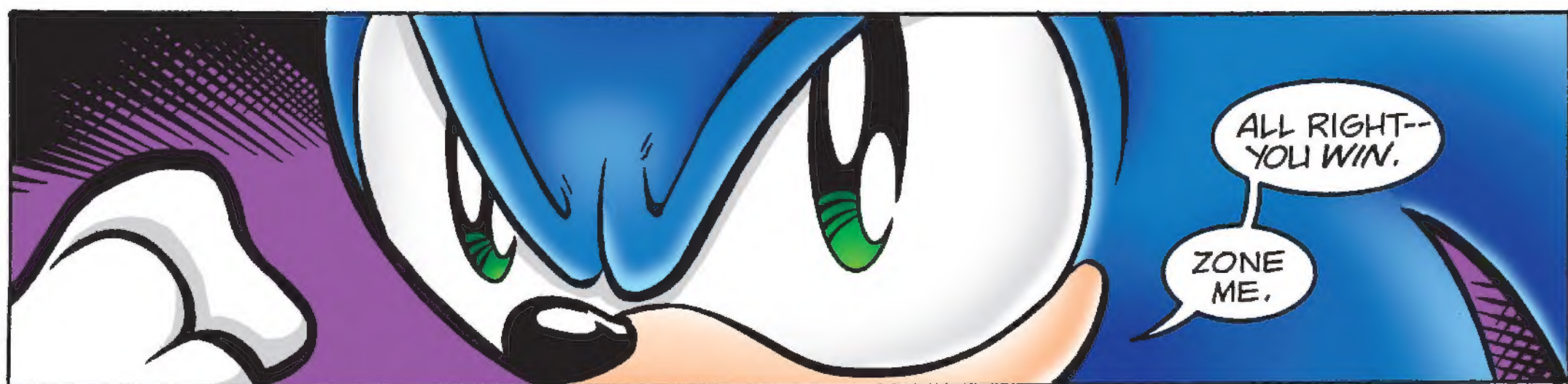








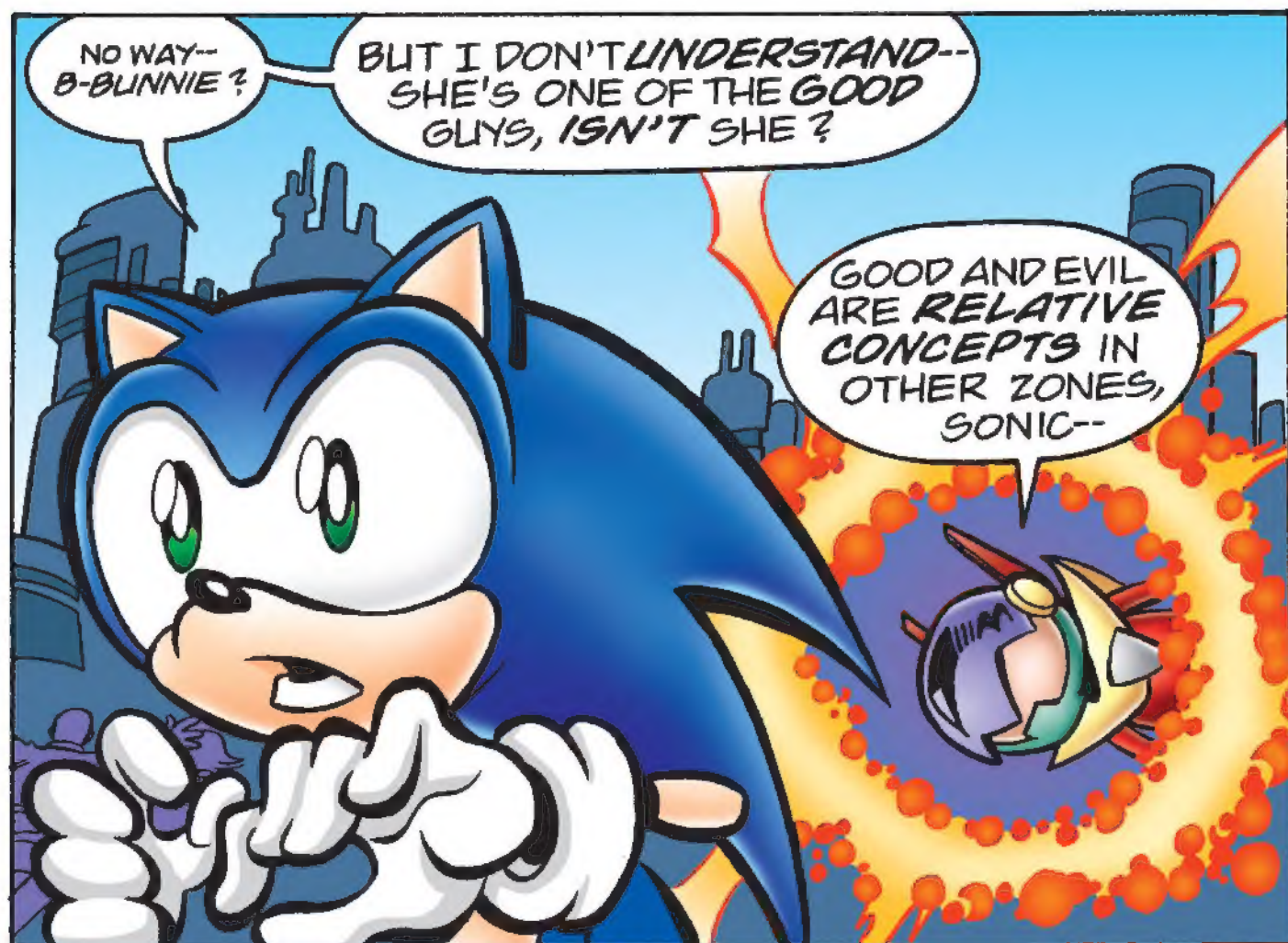




ZONE WARS!
GIANT
ROBOTNO
Chapter 2

"RUN--RUN FOR YOUR LIVES! IT'S--IT'S
RABBOTZILLA!!!"





NO WAY--
B-BUNNIE?

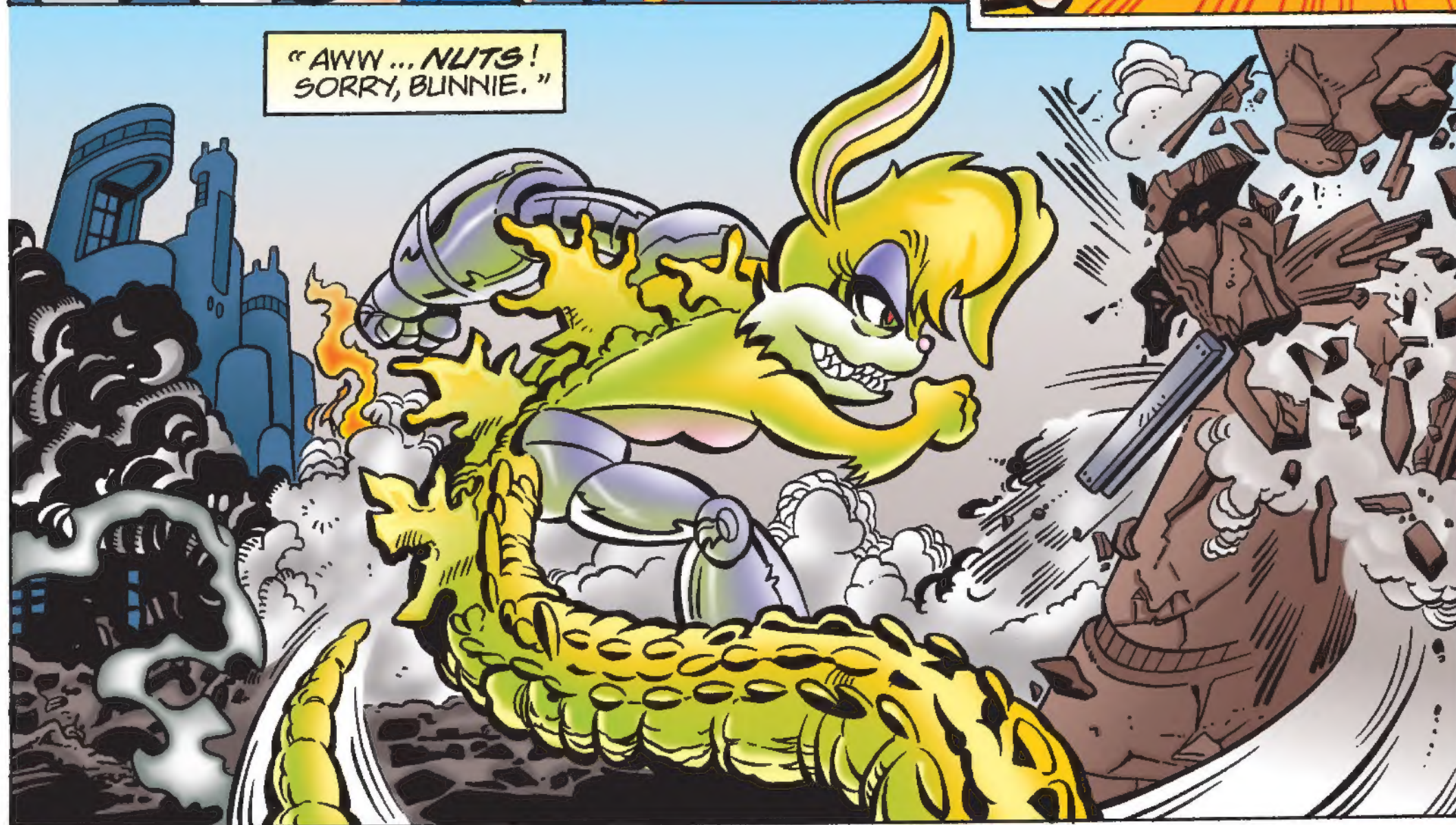
BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND--
SHE'S ONE OF THE GOOD
GUYS, ISN'T SHE?

GOOD AND EVIL
ARE *RELATIVE*
CONCEPTS IN
OTHER ZONES,
SONIC--



--YOU'LL
JUST HAVE TO
PLAY EACH CASE
BY EAR...

BUT--
BUT--



"AWW ... *NUTS!*
SORRY, BUNNIE."



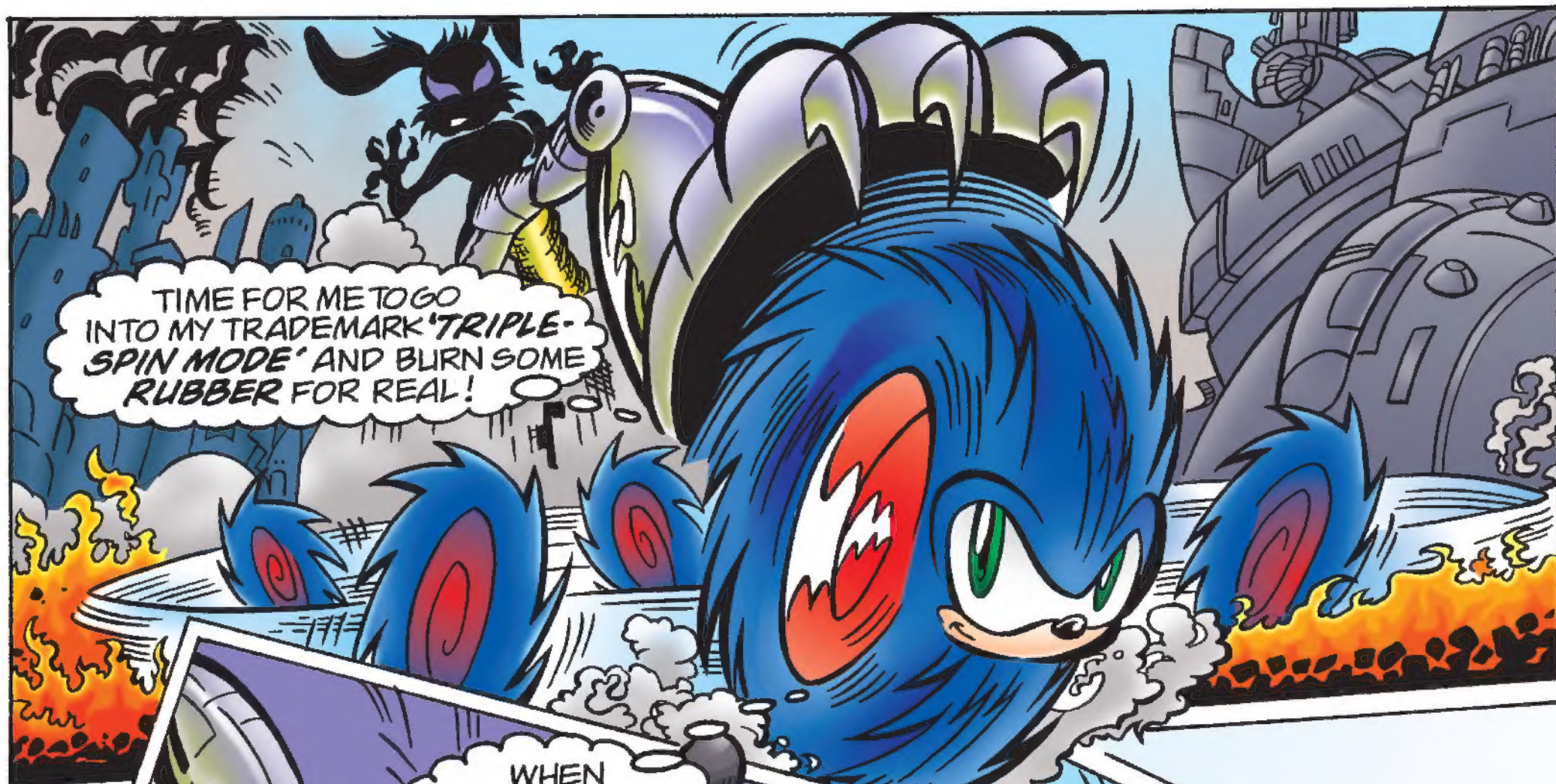
...YOU MAY BE ONE OF MY
CLOSEST *FRIENDS* BACK
WHERE I COME FROM...



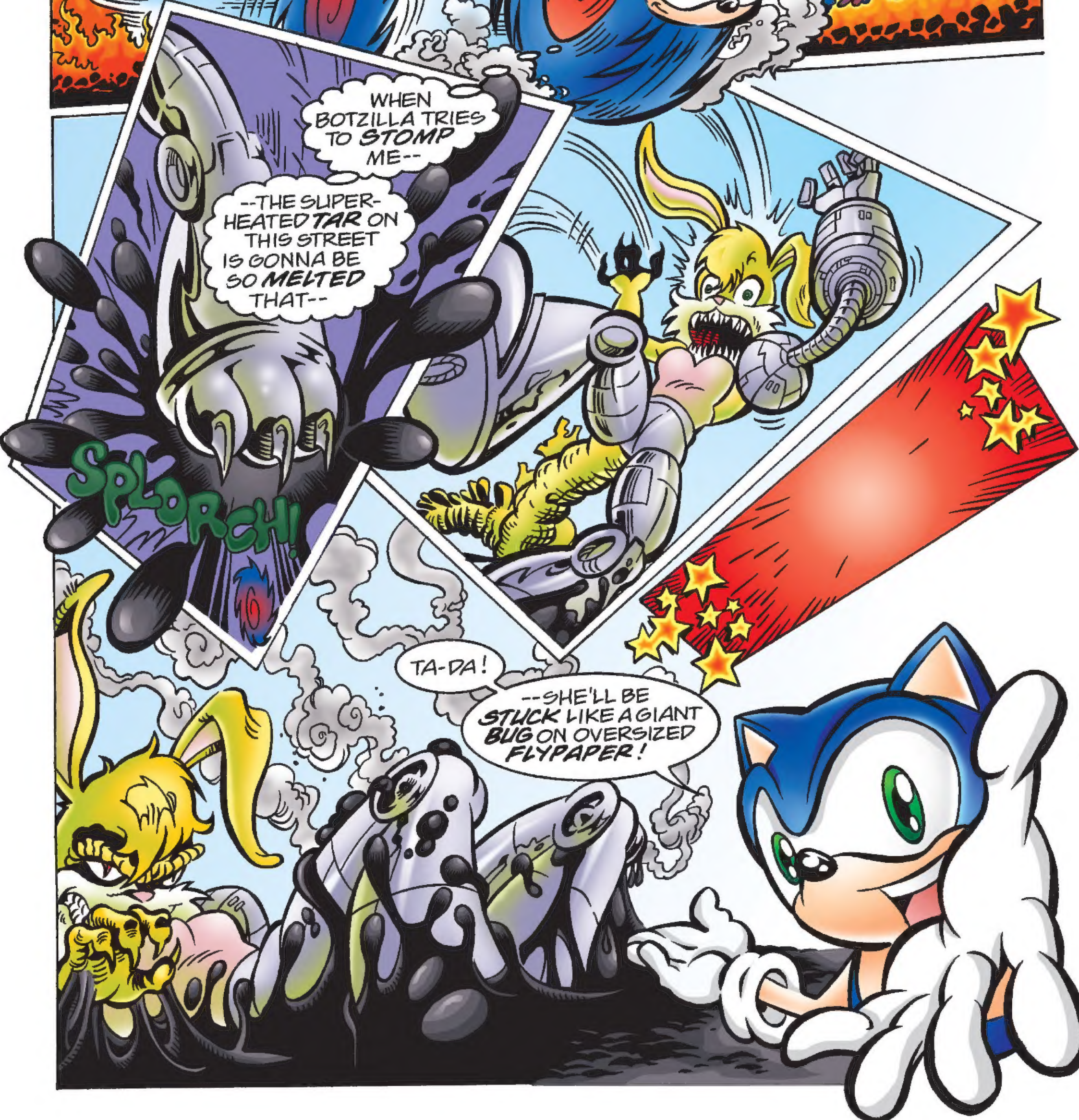
...BUT *HERE*, YOU'RE
JUST A *MINDLESS*
MONSTER!



SO, LET'S
GET READY TO
RUMBLE!



TIME FOR ME TO GO INTO MY TRADEMARK 'TRIPLE-SPIN MODE' AND BURN SOME RUBBER FOR REAL!



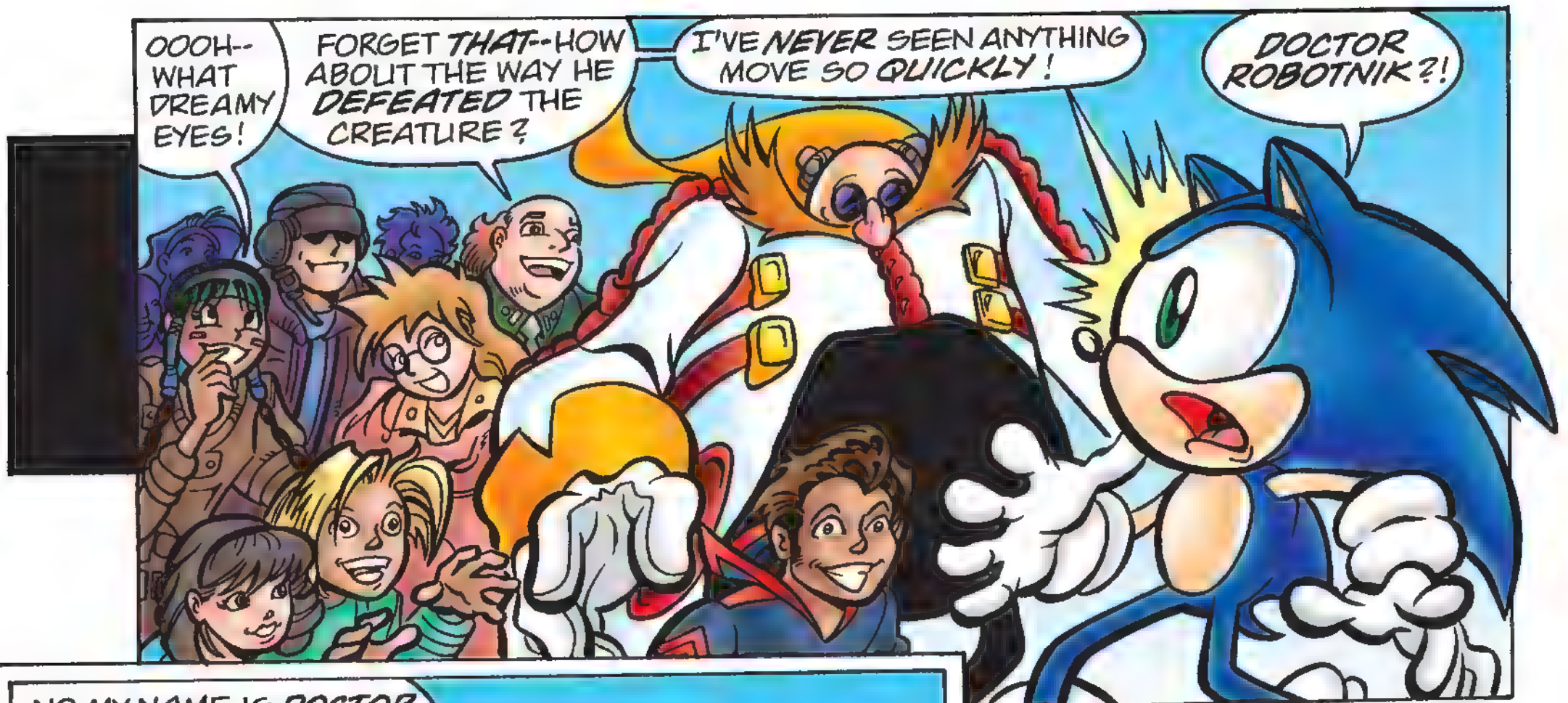
WHEN BOTZILLA TRIES TO STOMP ME--

--THE SUPER-HEATED TAR ON THIS STREET IS GONNA BE SO MELTED THAT--

SPLORCH!

TA-DA!

--SHE'LL BE STUCK LIKE A GIANT BUG ON OVERSIZED FLYPAPER!

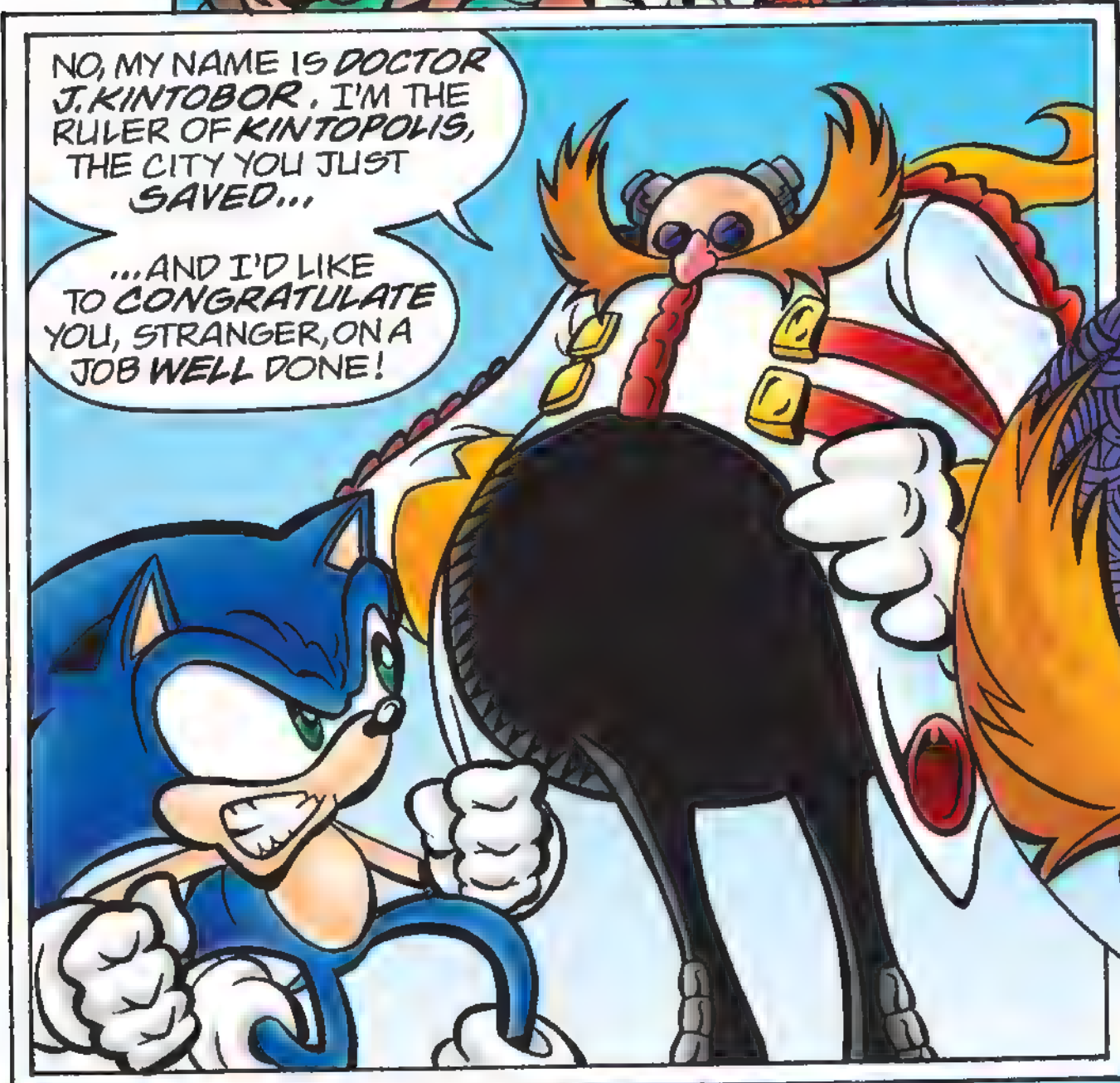


OOOH--
WHAT
DREAMY
EYES!

FORGET *THAT*--HOW
ABOUT THE WAY HE
DEFEATED THE
CREATURE?

I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING
MOVE SO QUICKLY!

DOCTOR
ROBOTNIK?!

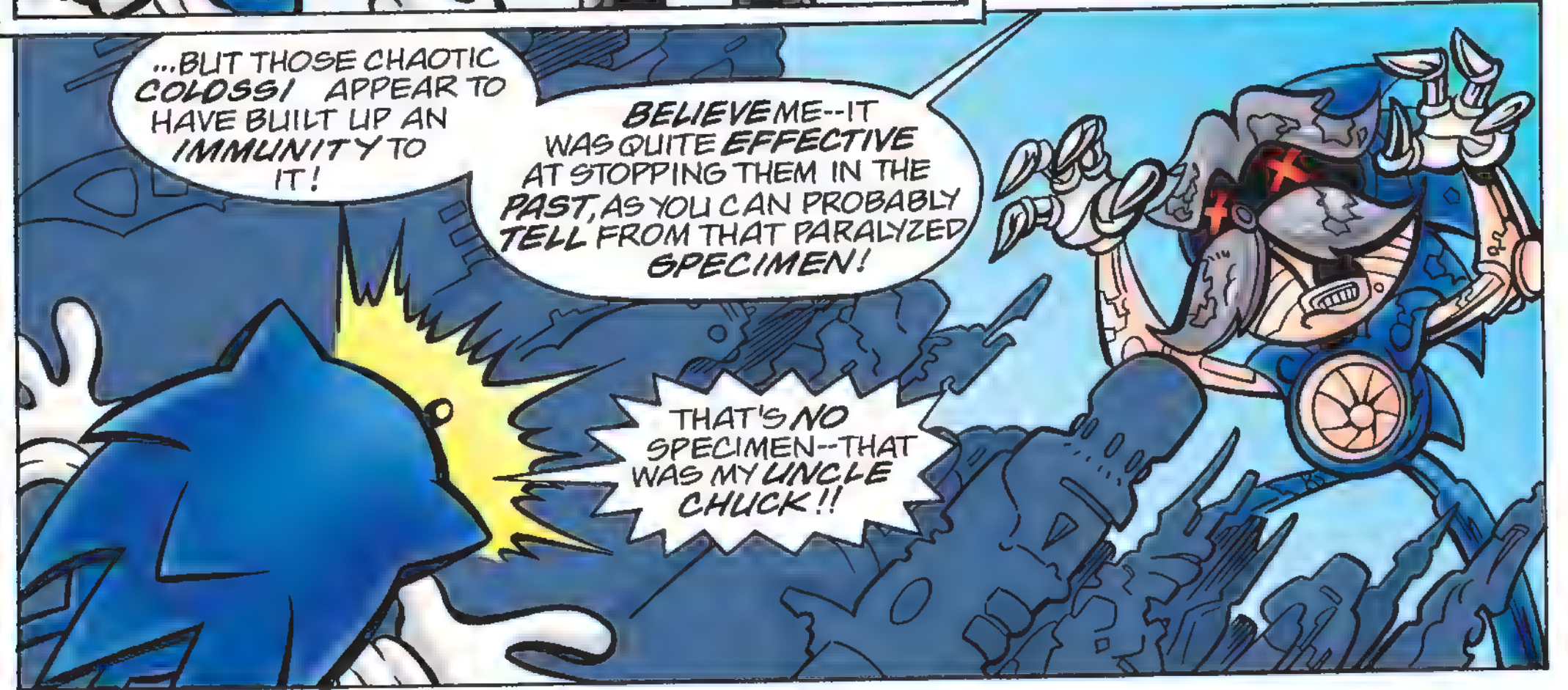


NO, MY NAME IS **DOCTOR
J. KINTOBOR**. I'M THE
RULER OF **KINTOPOLIS**,
THE CITY YOU JUST
SAVED...

...AND I'D LIKE
TO **CONGRATULATE**
YOU, STRANGER, ON A
JOB WELL DONE!



I TRIED TO **HALT**
THE RABBIT BEHEMOTH'S
RAMPAGE BY INFECTING
IT WITH A
ROBO-VIRUS...



...BUT THOSE CHAOTIC
COLOSSI APPEAR TO
HAVE BUILT UP AN
IMMUNITY TO
IT!

BELIEVE ME--IT
WAS QUITE **EFFECTIVE**
AT STOPPING THEM IN THE
PAST, AS YOU CAN PROBABLY
TELL FROM THAT PARALYZED
SPECIMEN!

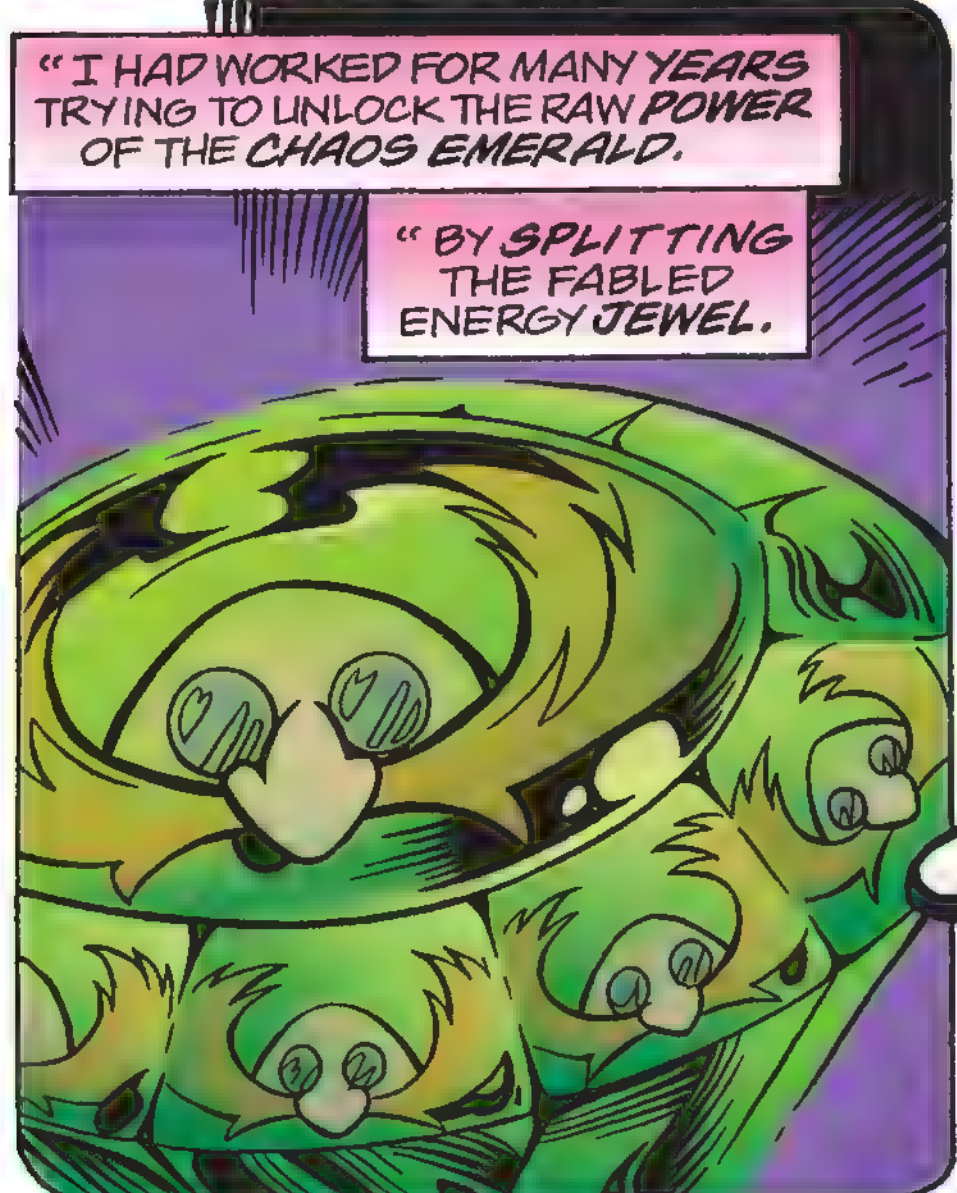
THAT'S NO
SPECIMEN--THAT
WAS MY **UNCLE**
CHUCK!!



HOW DID ALL OF THIS HAPPEN? I WANT ANSWERS NOW, KINTOBOR!

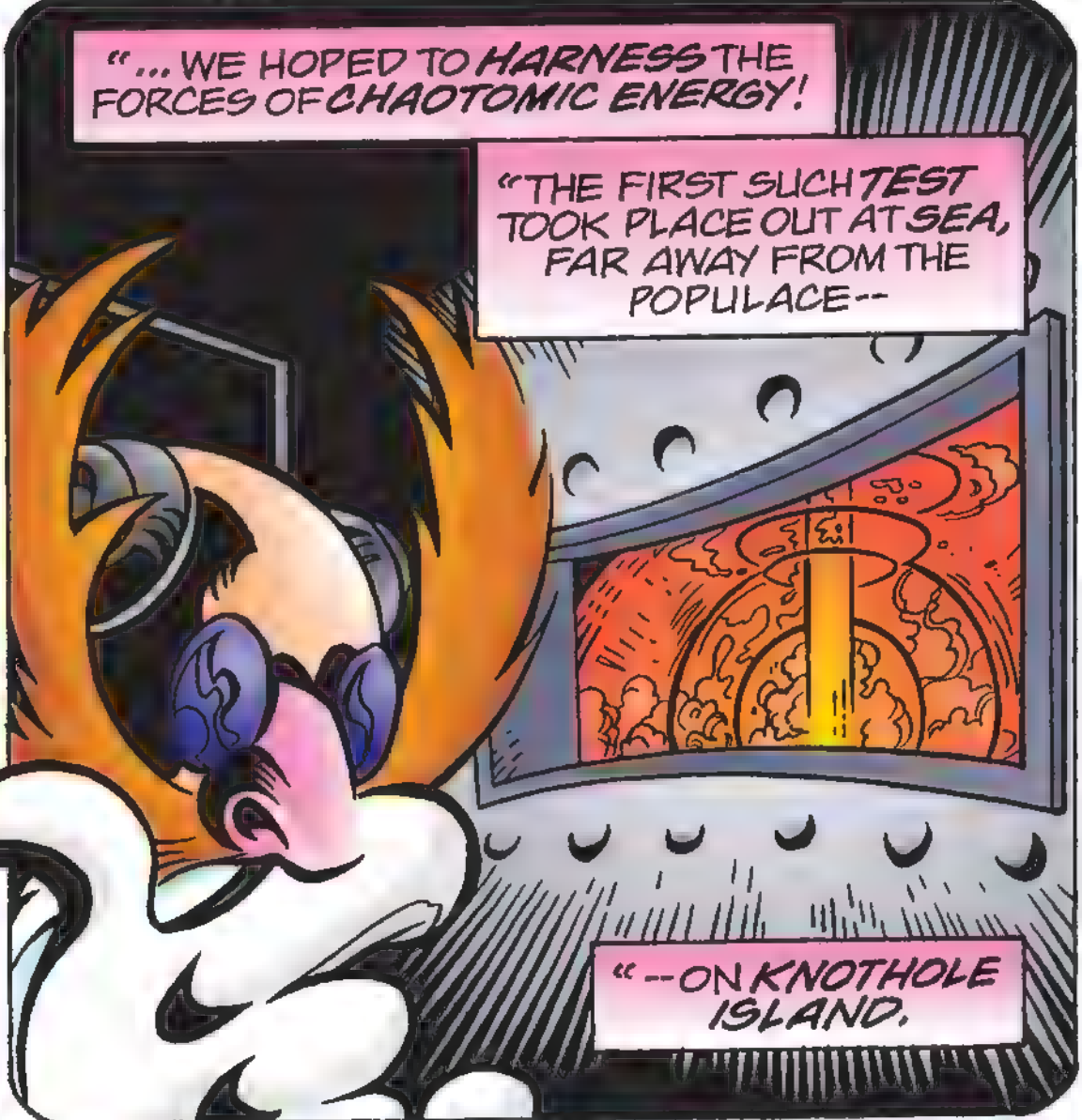
GET THEM YOU WILL, STRANGER. I'M AFRAID IT'S A TRAGIC TALE...

...AND ONE THAT'S MY FAULT ENTIRELY.



"I HAD WORKED FOR MANY YEARS TRYING TO UNLOCK THE RAW POWER OF THE CHAOS EMERALD."

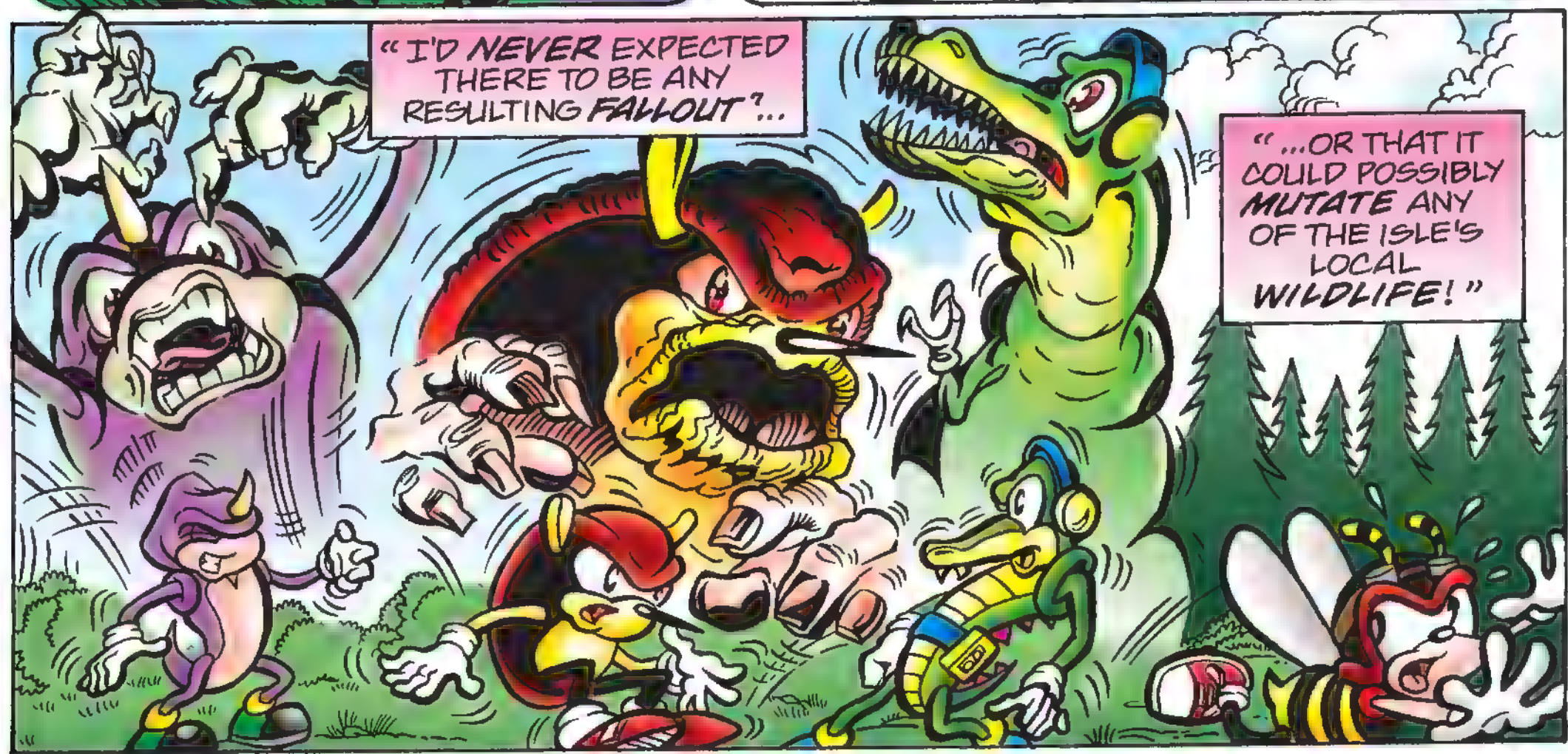
"BY SPLITTING THE FABLED ENERGY JEWEL."



"...WE HOPED TO HARNESS THE FORCES OF CHAOTOMIC ENERGY!"

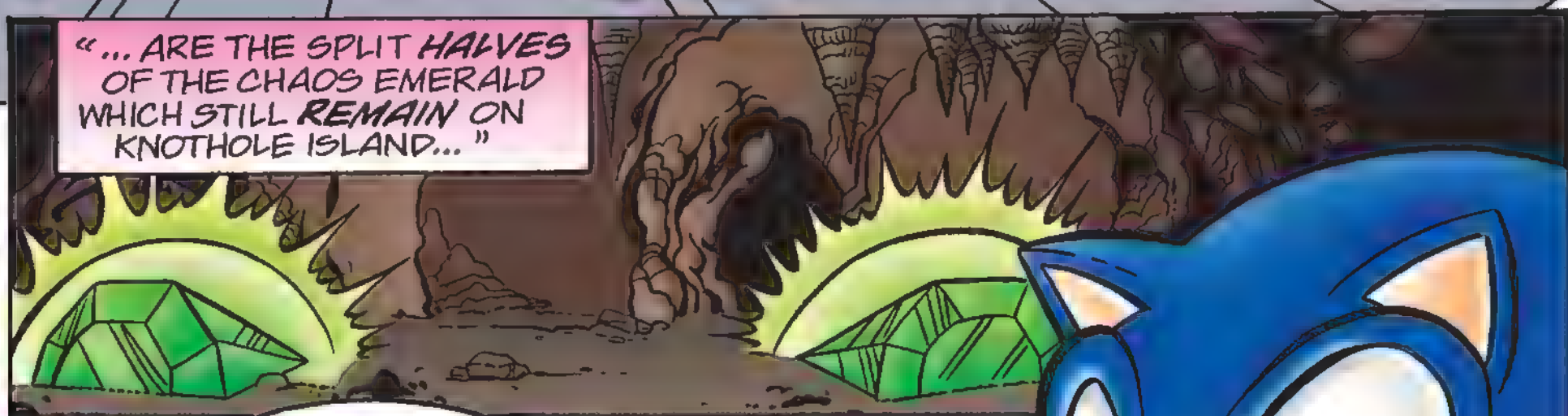
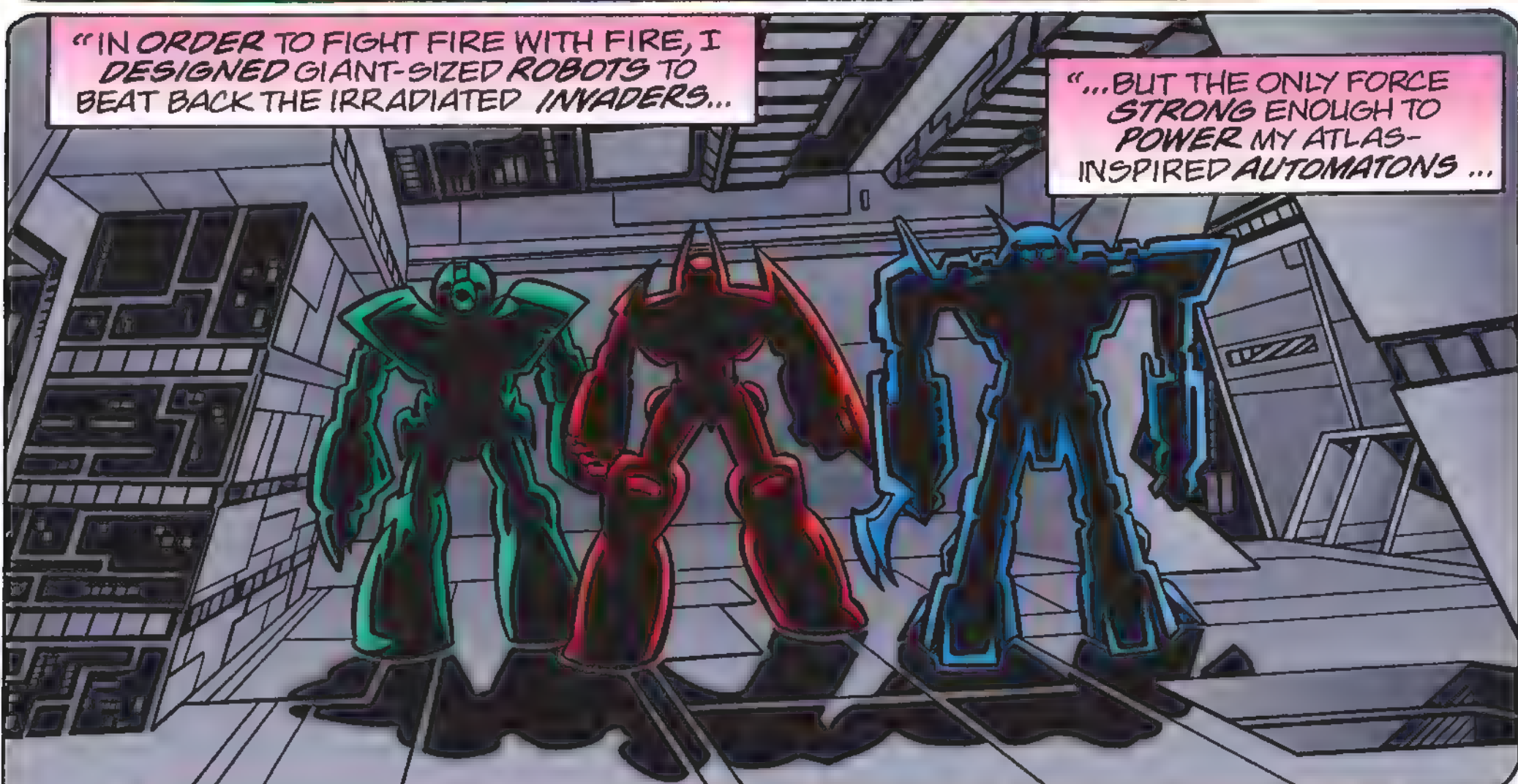
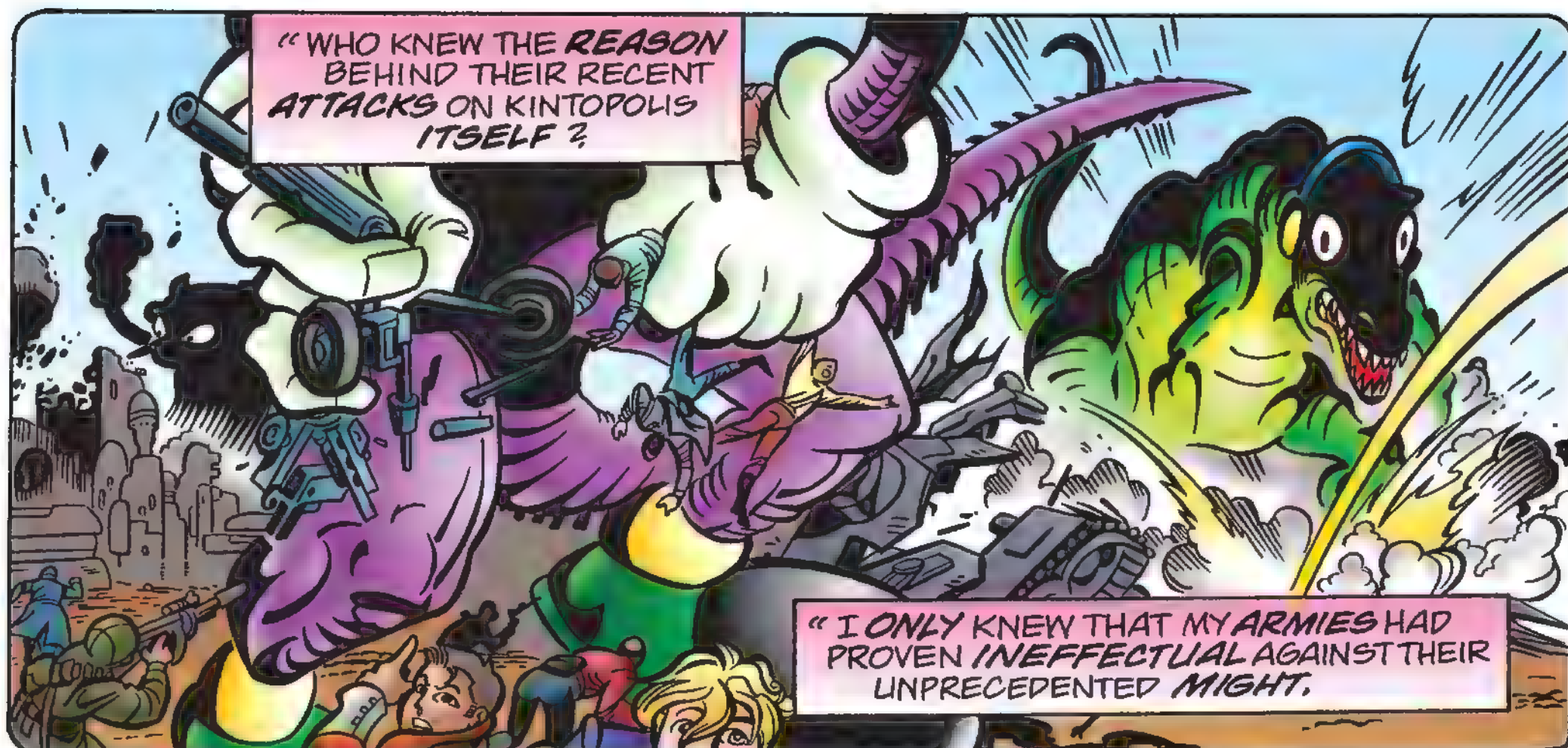
"THE FIRST SUCH TEST TOOK PLACE OUT AT SEA, FAR AWAY FROM THE POPULACE--"

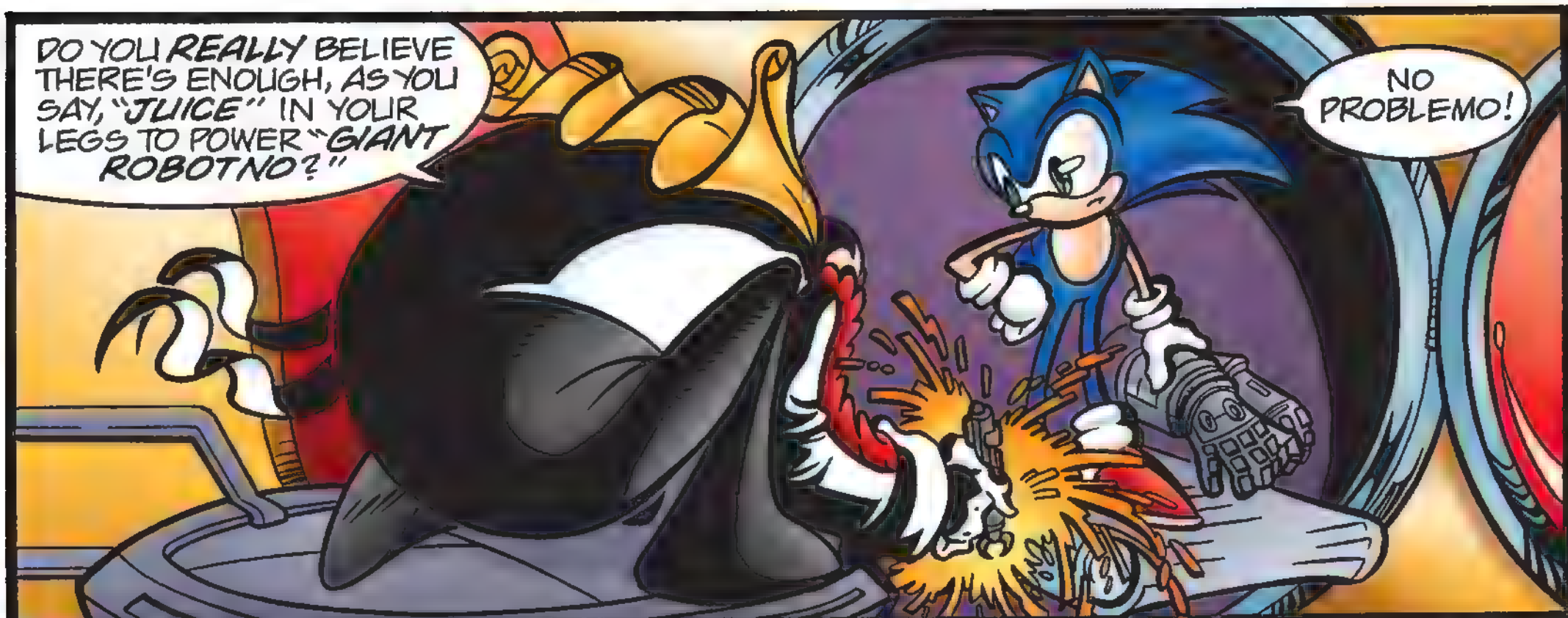
"--ON KNOTHOLE ISLAND."



"I'D NEVER EXPECTED THERE TO BE ANY RESULTING FALLOUT?..."

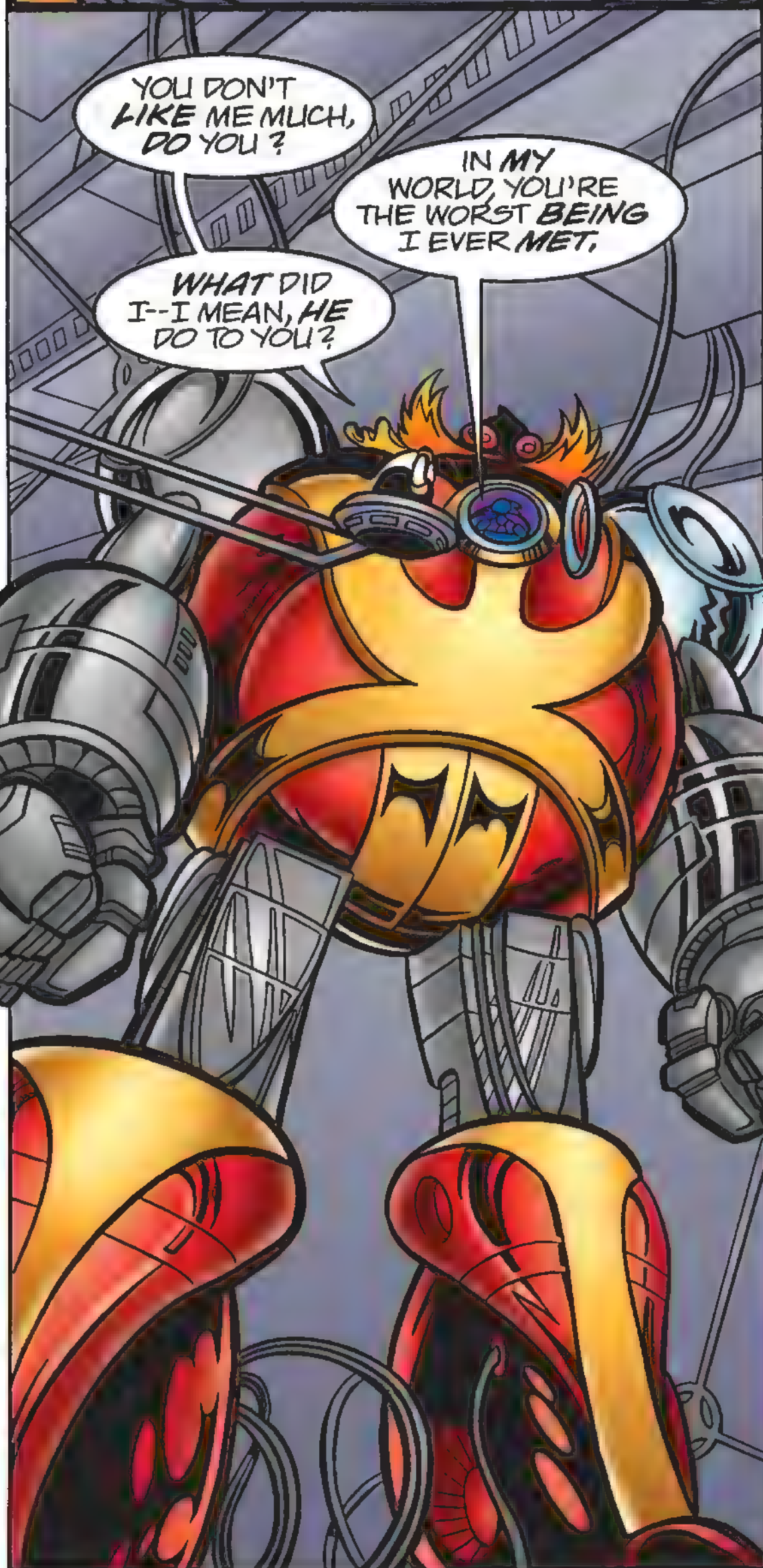
"...OR THAT IT COULD POSSIBLY MUTATE ANY OF THE ISLE'S LOCAL WILDLIFE!"





DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE THERE'S ENOUGH, AS YOU SAY, "JUICE" IN YOUR LEGS TO POWER "GIANT ROBOTNO?"

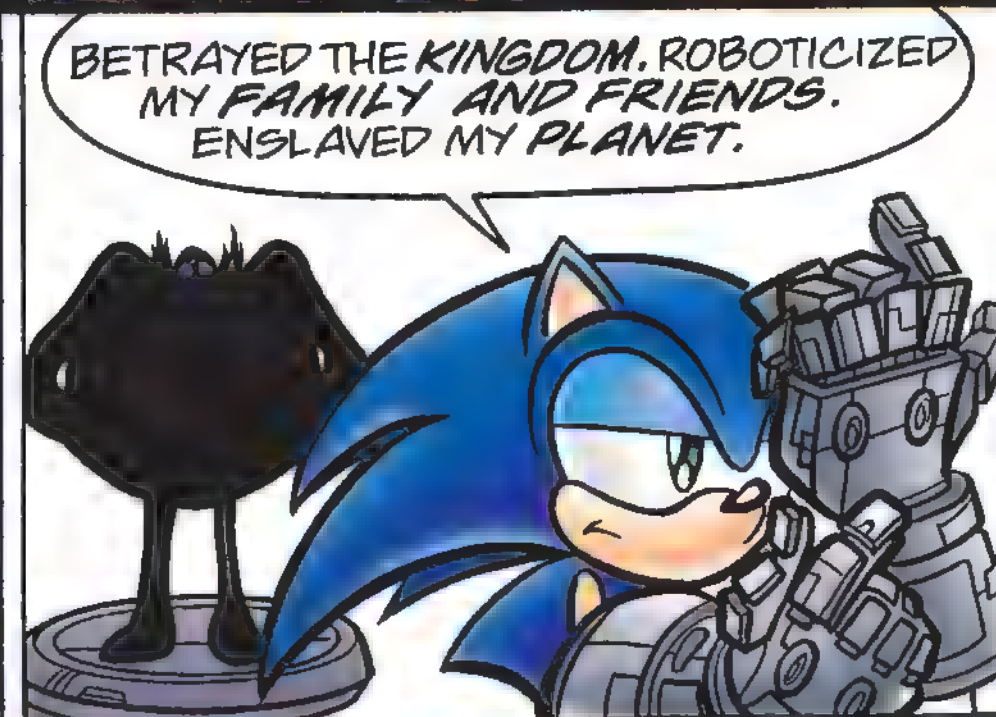
NO PROBLEMO!



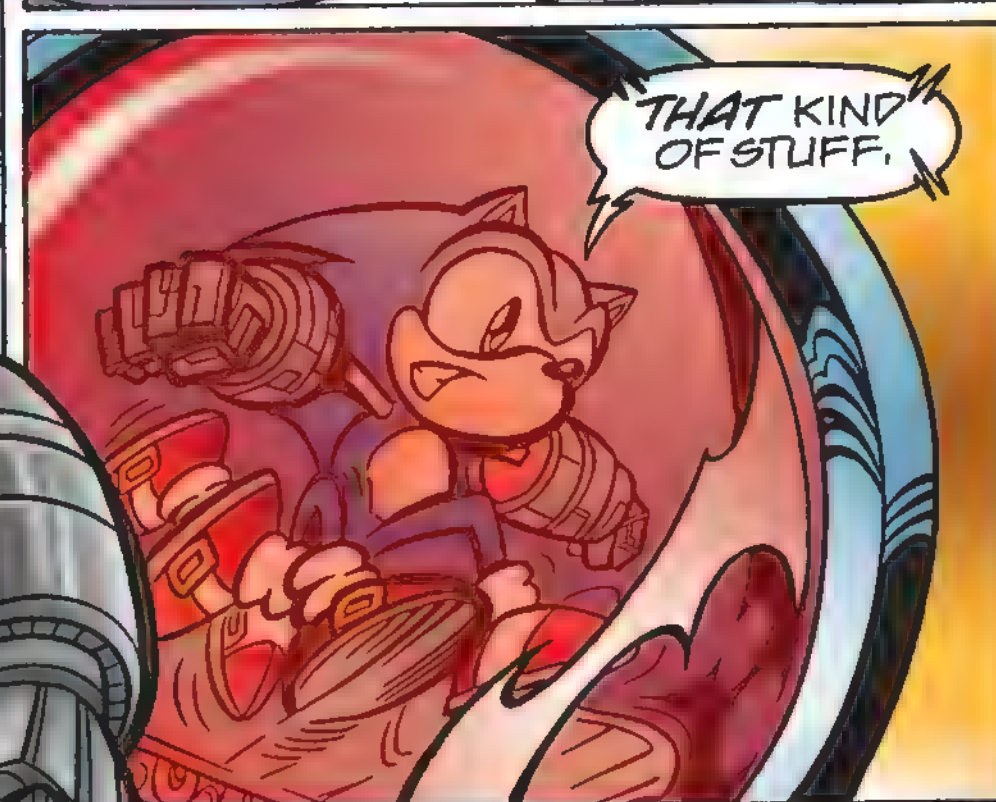
YOU DON'T LIKE ME MUCH, DO YOU?

IN MY WORLD, YOU'RE THE WORST BEING I EVER MET.

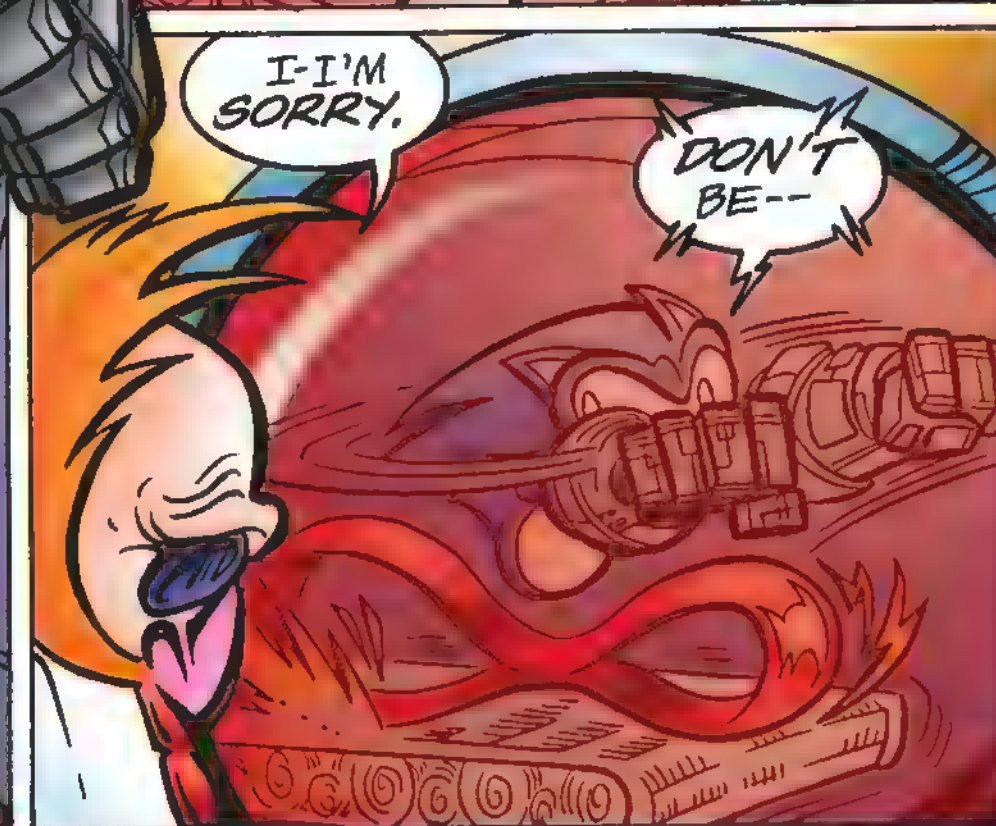
WHAT DID I--I MEAN, HE DO TO YOU?



BETRAYED THE KINGDOM. ROBOTICIZED MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS. ENSLAVED MY PLANET.

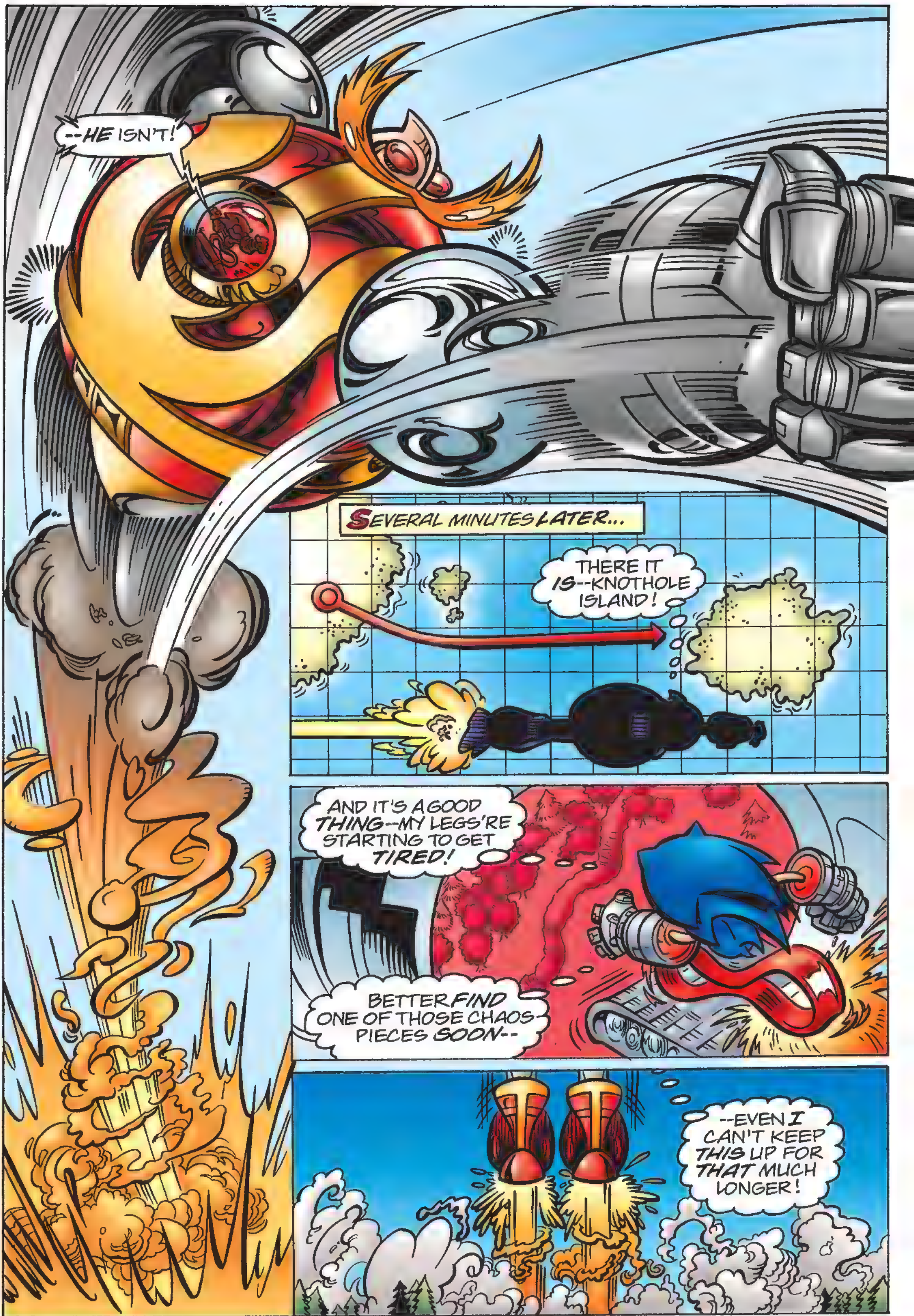


THAT KIND OF STUFF.



I-I'M SORRY.

DON'T BE--



--HE ISN'T!

SEVERAL MINUTES LATER...

THERE IT IS--KNOTHOLE ISLAND!

AND IT'S A GOOD THING--MY LEGS'RE STARTING TO GET TIRED!

BETTER FIND ONE OF THOSE CHAOS PIECES SOON--

--EVEN I CAN'T KEEP THIS UP FOR THAT MUCH LONGER!

BUT WHERE'S
THE MONSTERS'
LAIR,
ANYWAY?

I MEAN, IT'S NOT
EXACTLY LIKE
'OL KINTOBOR GAVE
ME A MAP
LEADING
RIGHT TO--

NO WAY.

"TAILS, KNUCKLES, AMY,
ROTOR, AND EVEN SALLY
--ALL OF MY FREEDOM
FIGHTING FRIENDS--

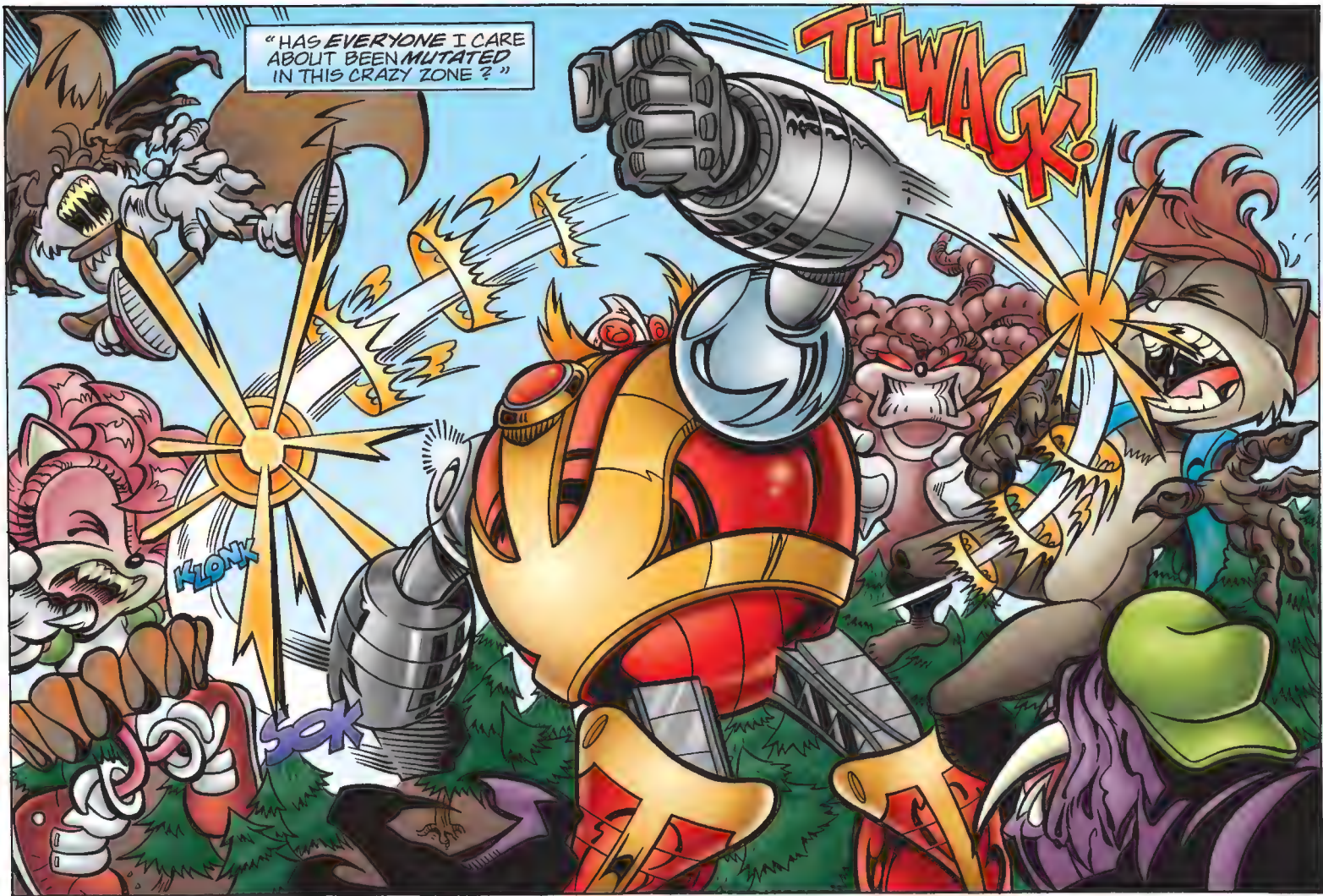
"--TURNED INTO HIDEOUS MONSTERS!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PLACE?"

"HAS EVERYONE I CARE
ABOUT BEEN MUTATED
IN THIS CRAZY ZONE?"

THWACK!

KLONK

SOX



I CAN'T TAKE
MUCH MORE OF
THIS!

NOT ONLY
AM I LOSING
SPEED...

...BUT FIGHTING
MY BEST BLIDS IS
TOO MUCH FOR ME
TO HANDLE!

GOTTA FIND THAT
CHAOS EMERALD--

ROWWRR!

UH-OH! COULD
THAT BE THIS ZONE'S
VERSION OF ME? OR...

FWOON!

K-ZARK!

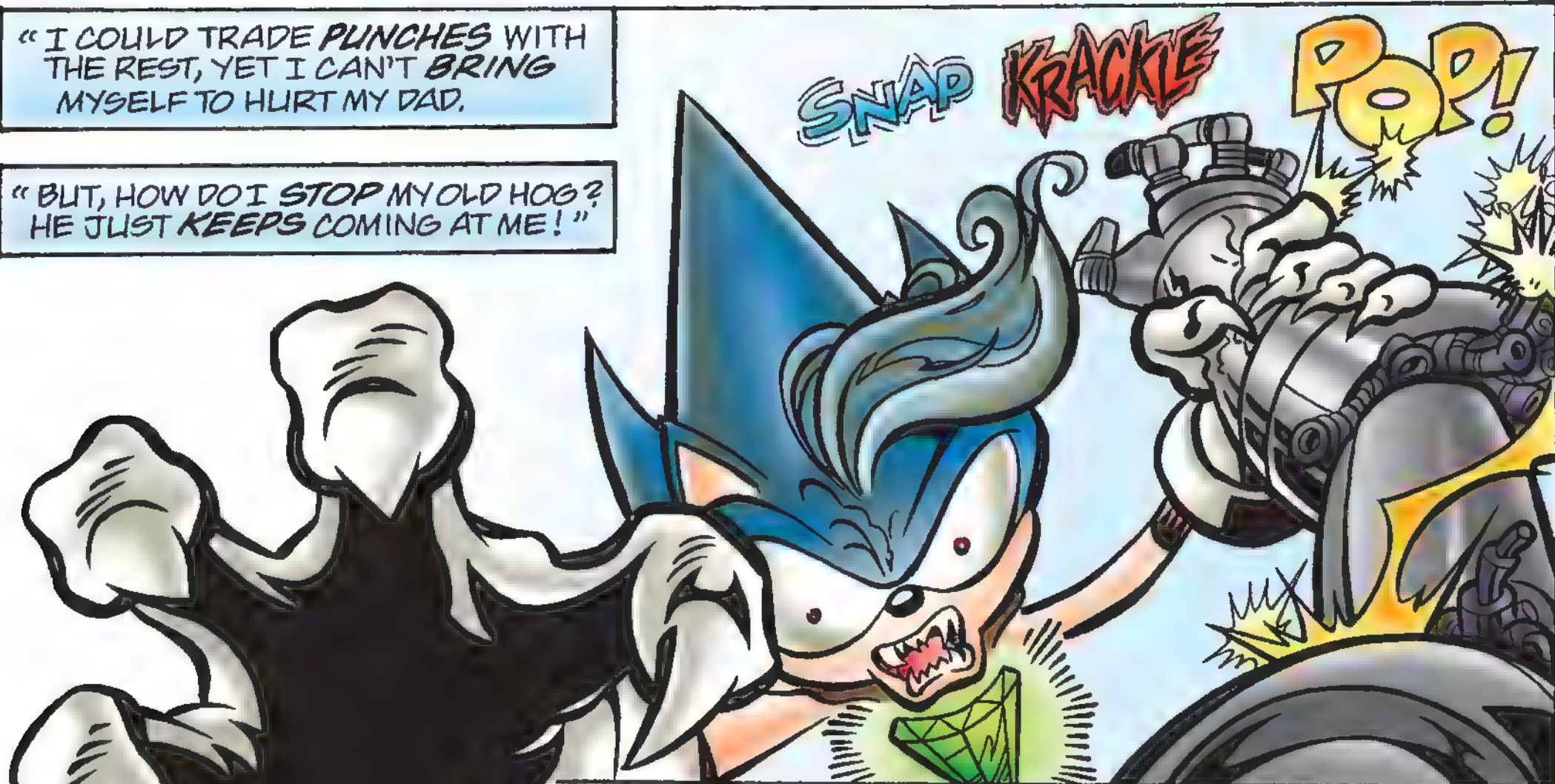
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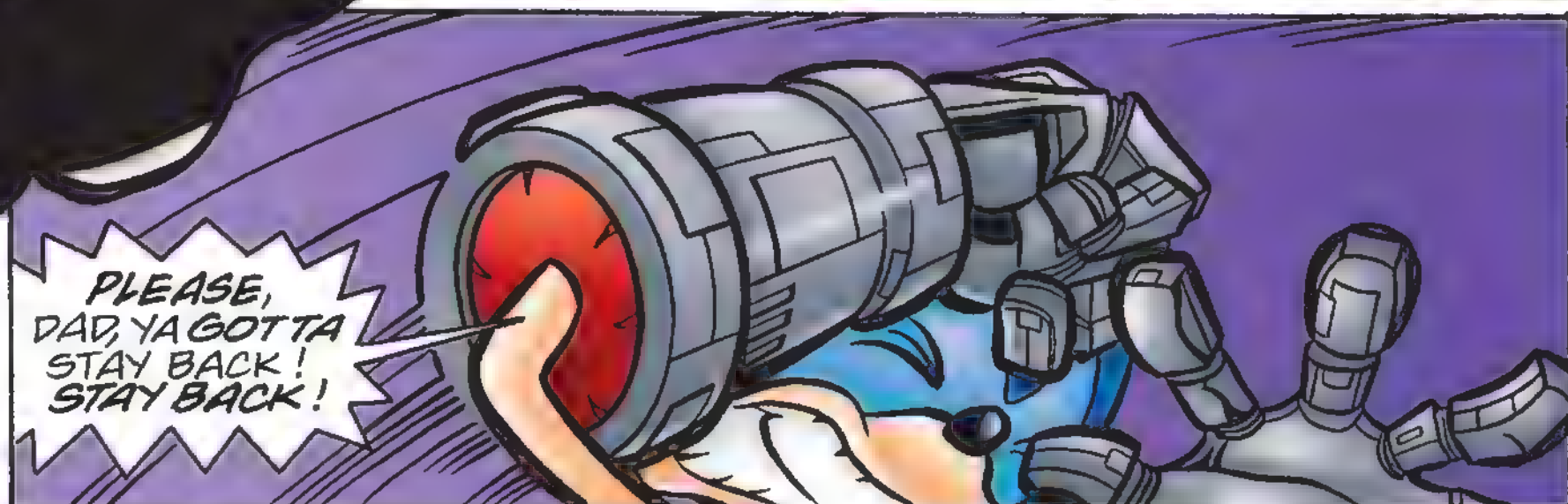


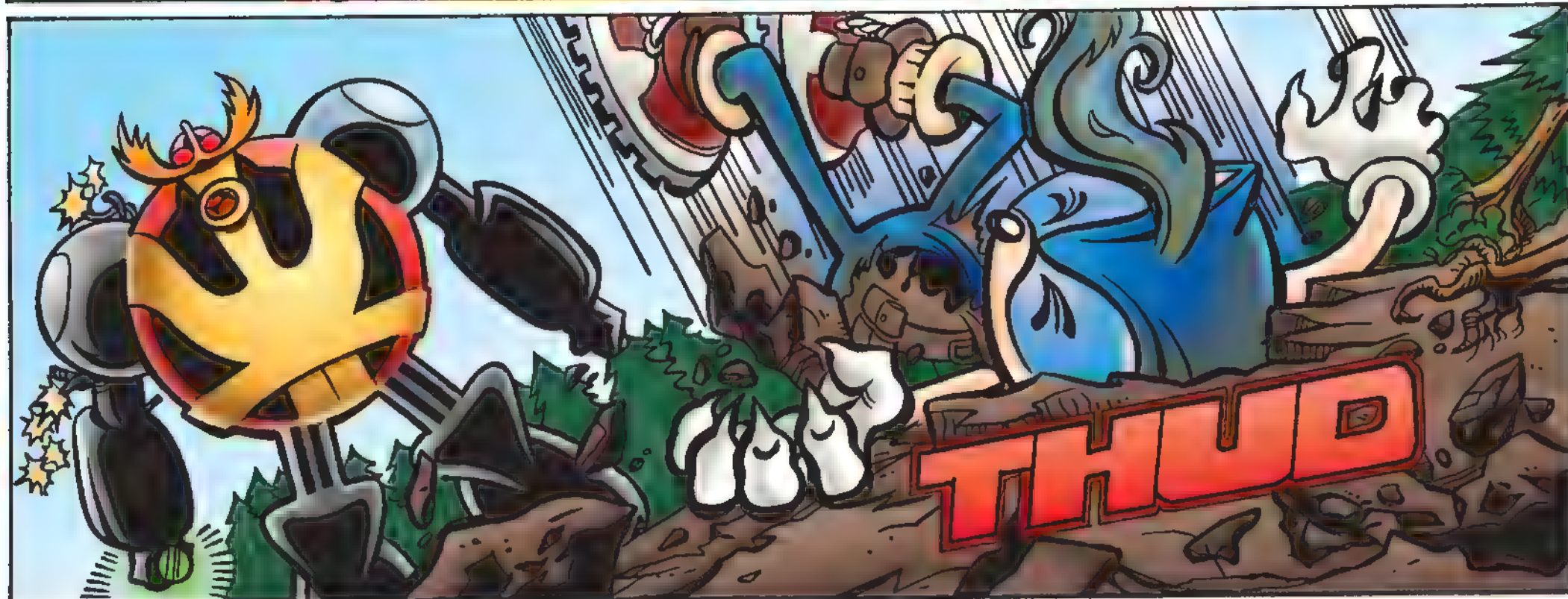
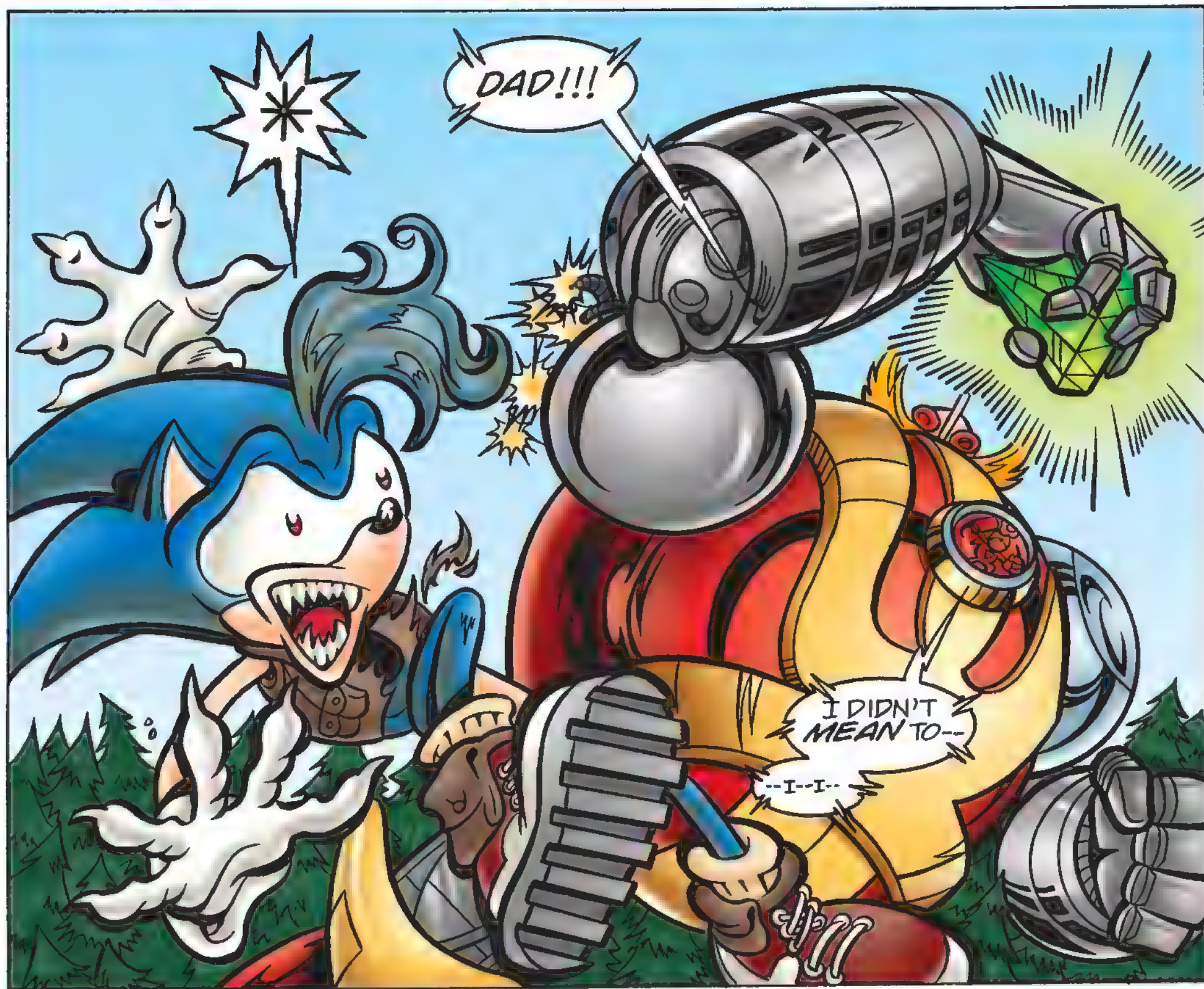
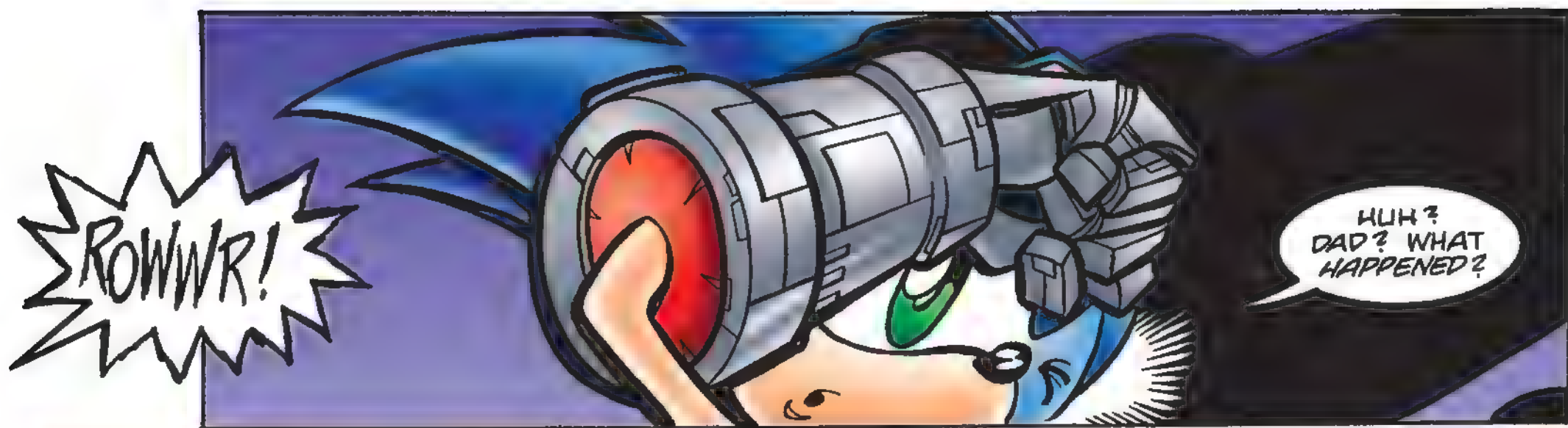
"I COULD TRADE **PUNCHES** WITH THE REST, YET I CAN'T **BRING** MYSELF TO HURT MY DAD.

"BUT, HOW DO I **STOP** MY OLD HOG? HE JUST **KEEPS** COMING AT ME!"



PLEASE,
DAD, YA GOTTA
STAY BACK!
STAY BACK!



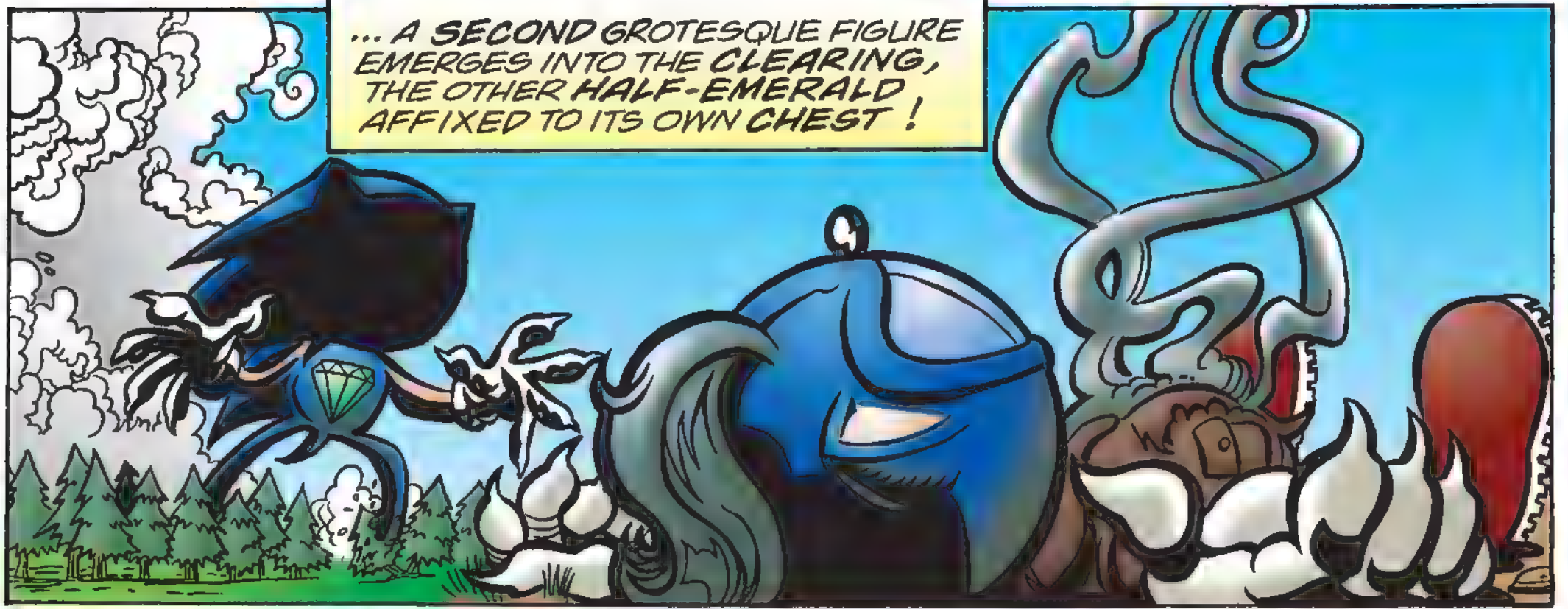




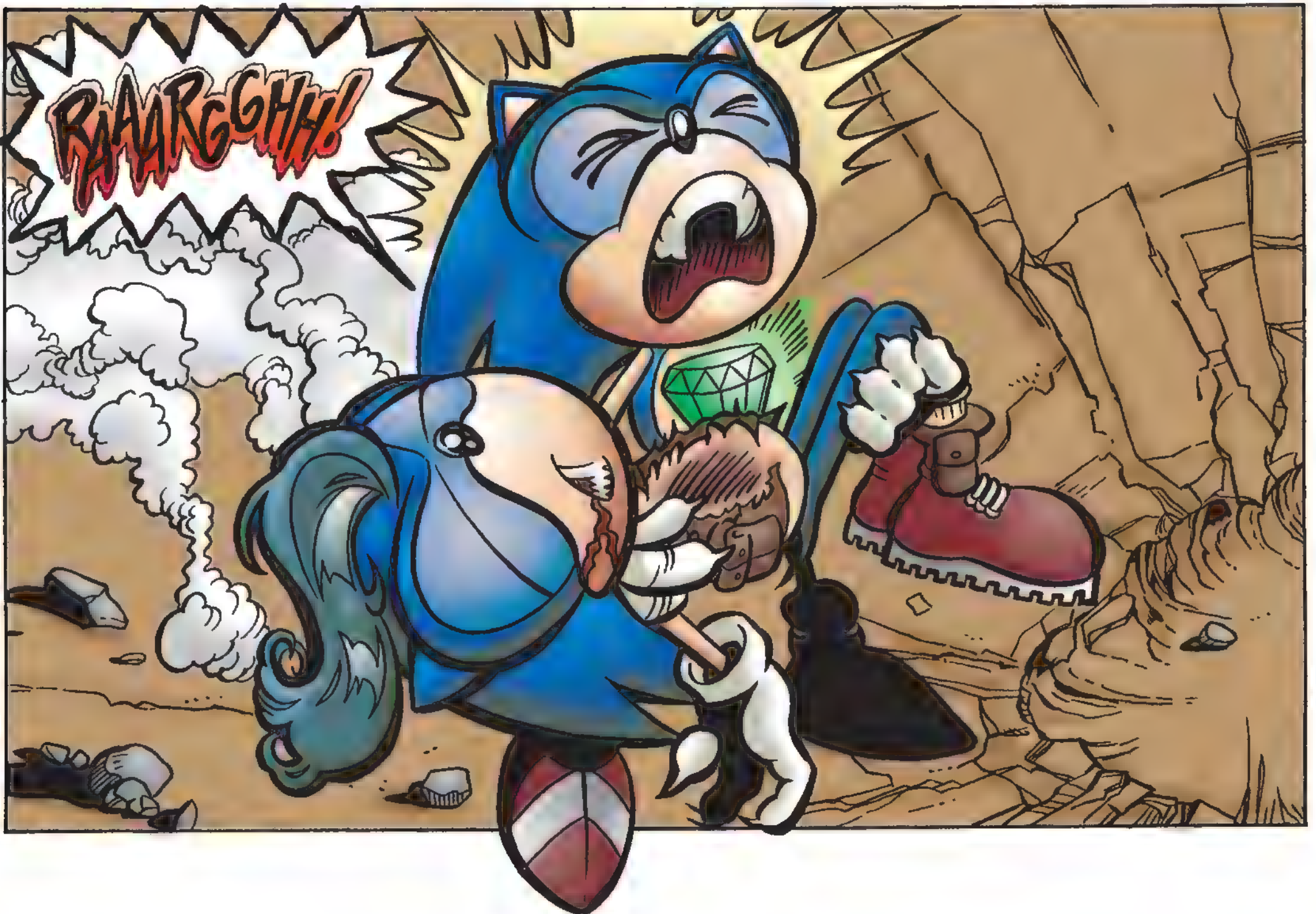
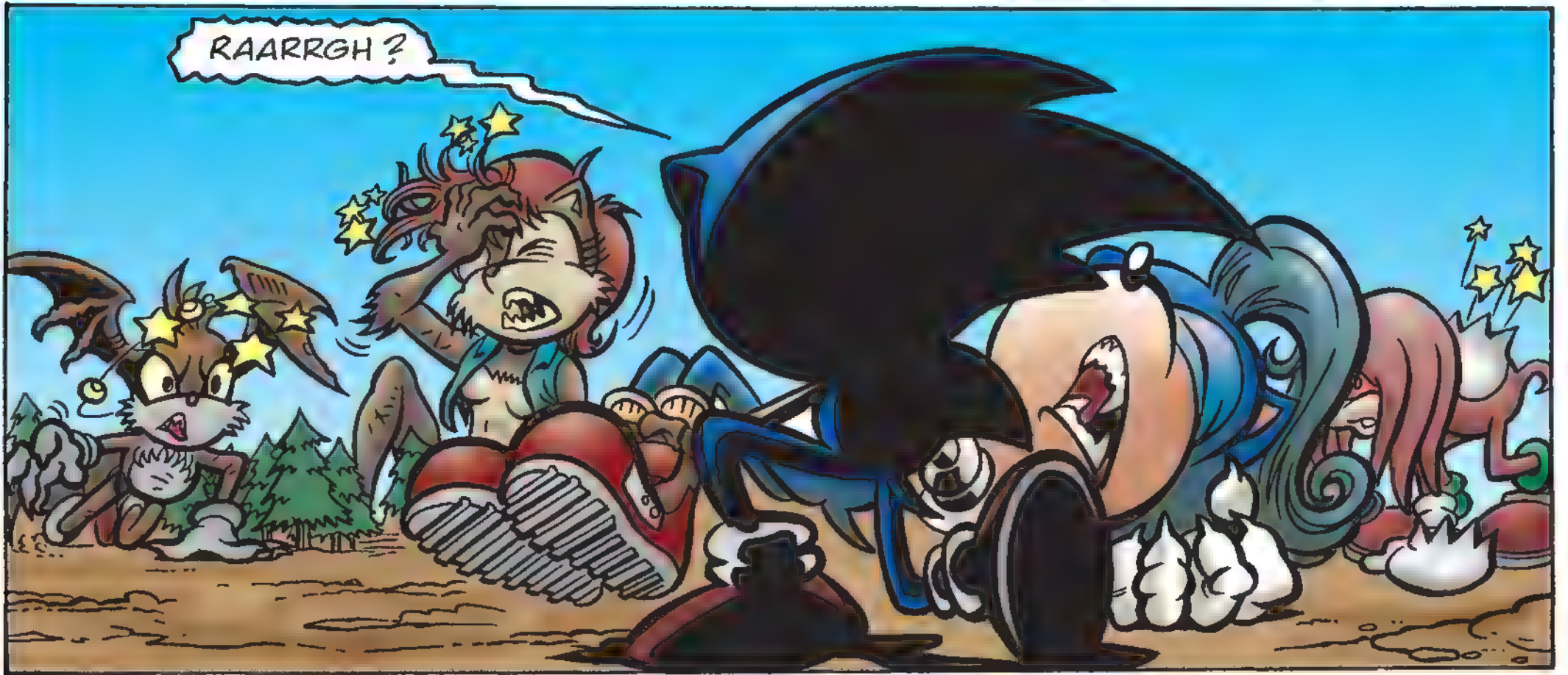
Nooooooo!!!

AND, AS THE ANGUISHED
SONIC SOARS OFF...

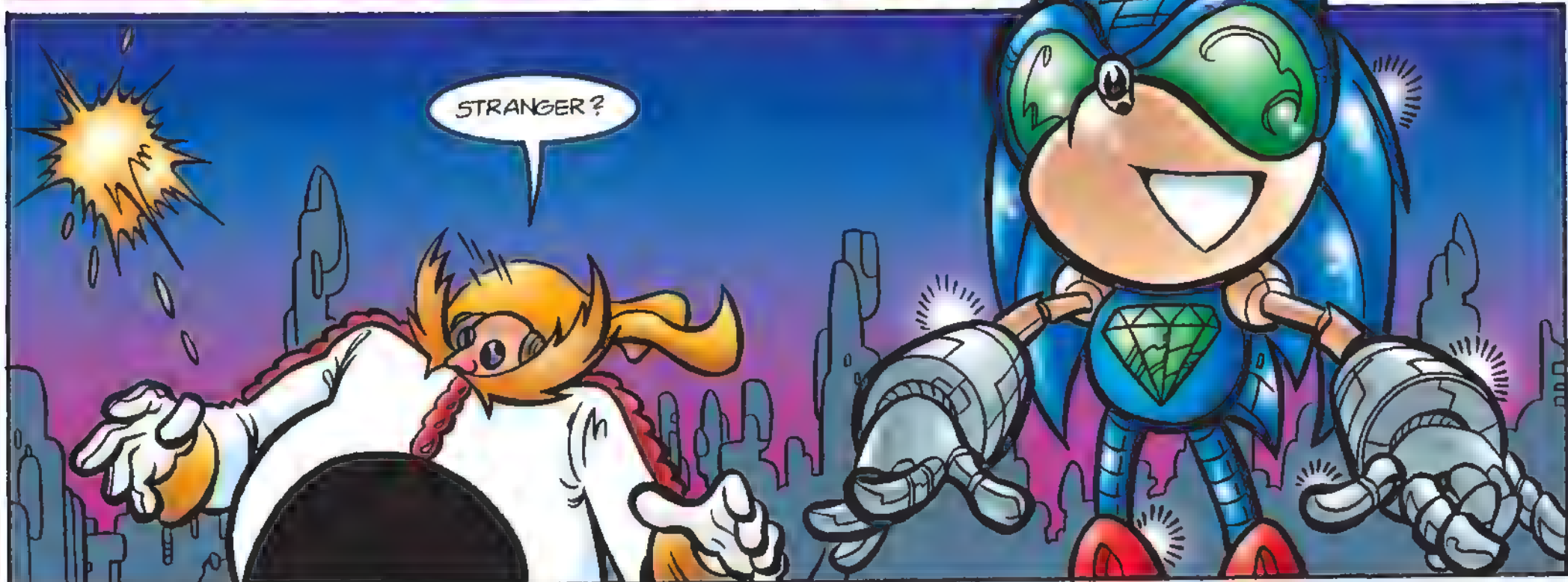
... A SECOND GROTESQUE FIGURE
EMERGES INTO THE CLEARING,
THE OTHER HALF-EMERALD
AFFIXED TO ITS OWN CHEST!

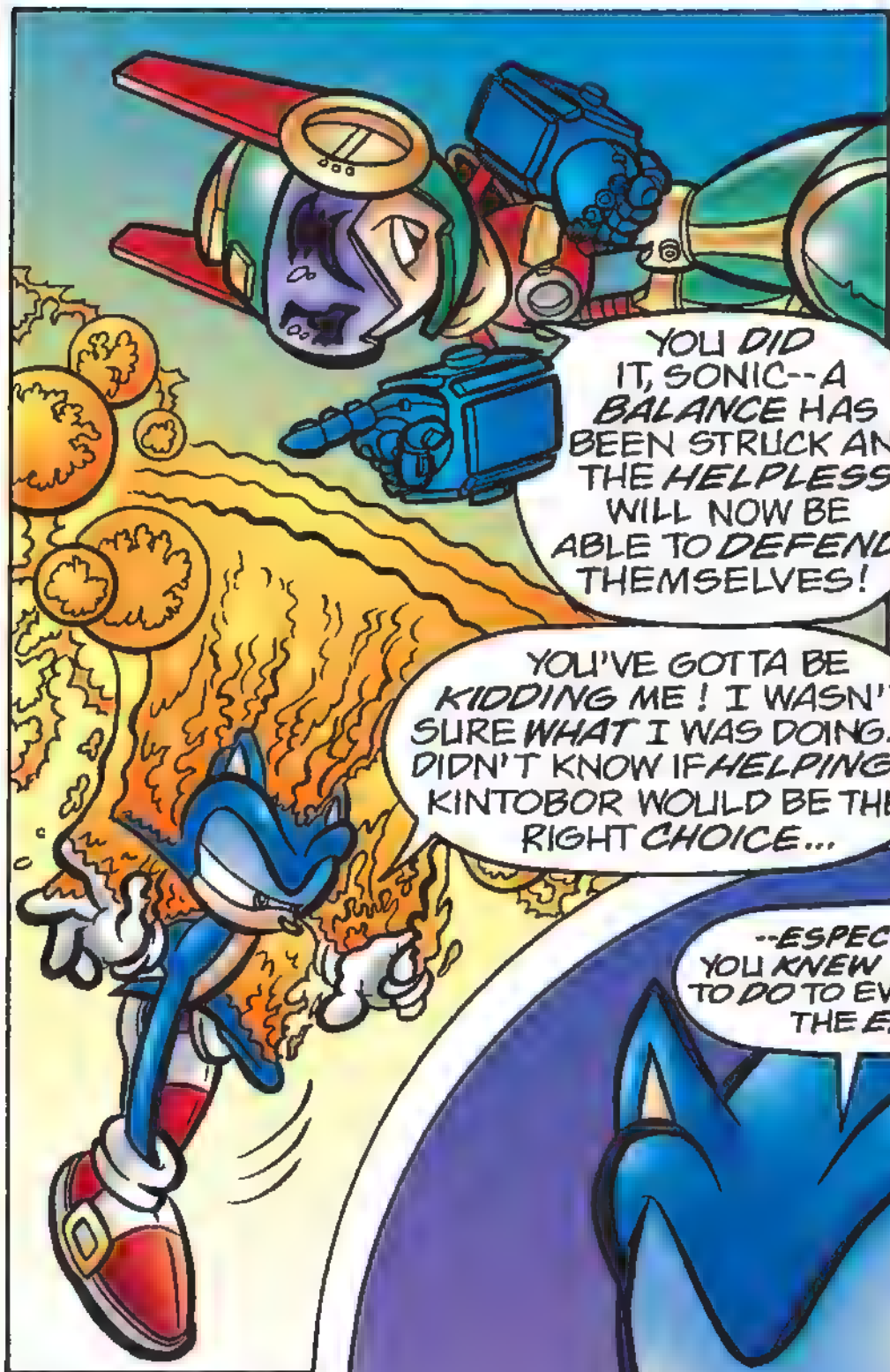


RAARRGH?



LATER, BACK IN KINTOPOLIS...



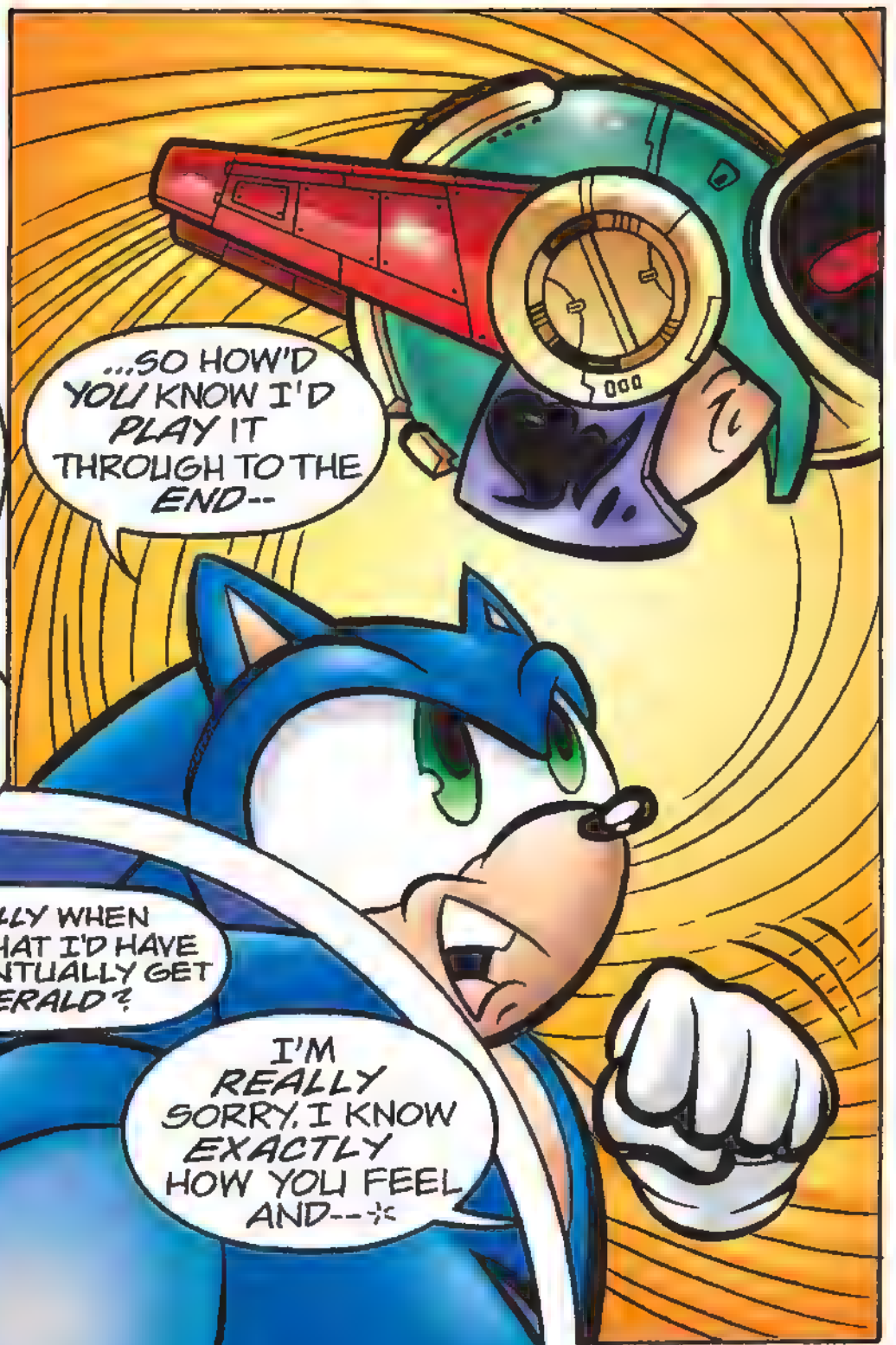


YOU DID IT, SONIC--A BALANCE HAS BEEN STRUCK AND THE HELPLESS WILL NOW BE ABLE TO DEFEND THEMSELVES!

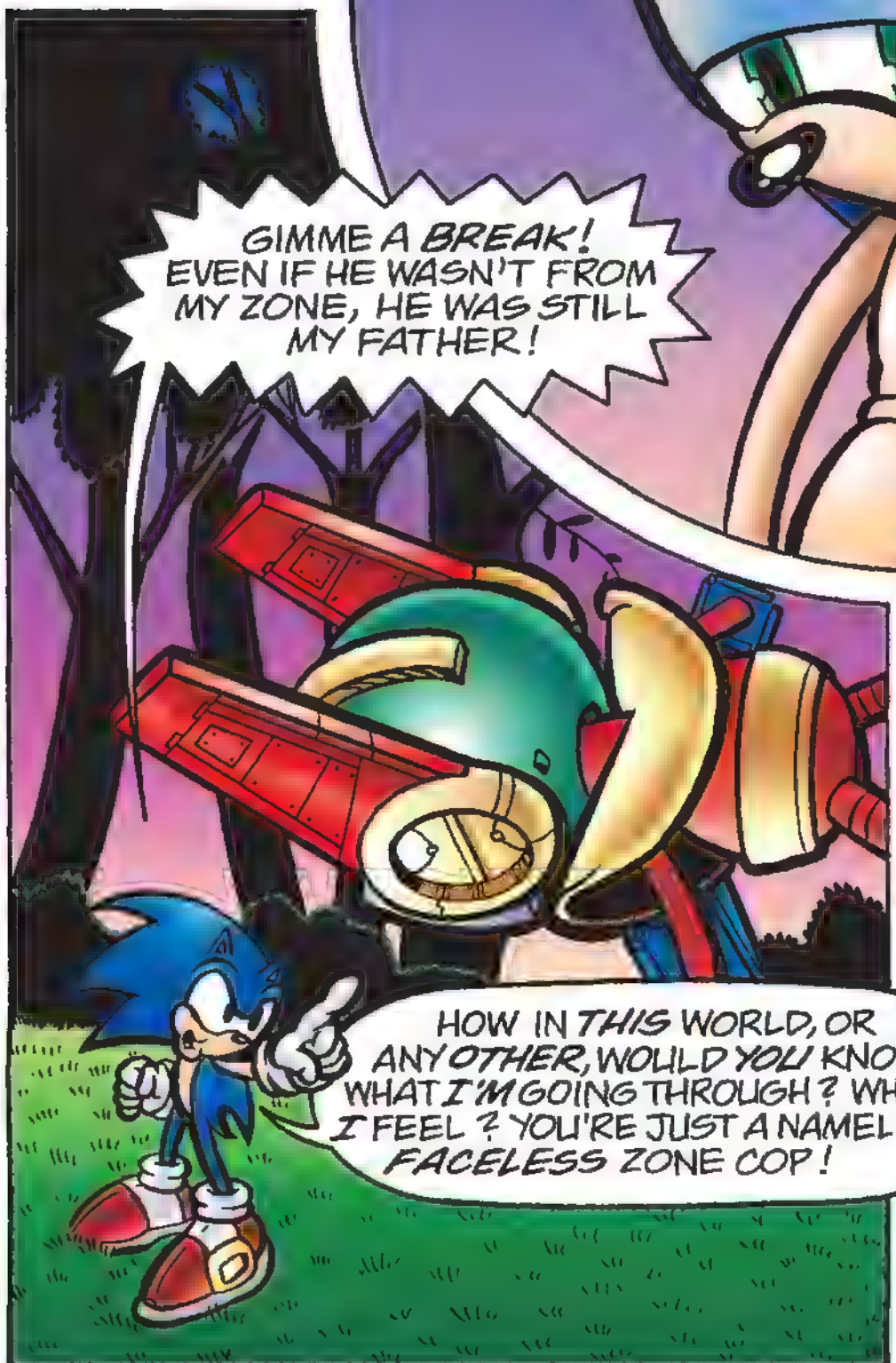
YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING ME! I WASN'T SURE WHAT I WAS DOING. I DIDN'T KNOW IF HELPING KINTOBOR WOULD BE THE RIGHT CHOICE...

--ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU KNEW WHAT I'D HAVE TO DO TO EVENTUALLY GET THE EMERALD?

I'M REALLY SORRY. I KNOW EXACTLY HOW YOU FEEL AND--*



...SO HOW'D YOU KNOW I'D PLAY IT THROUGH TO THE END--

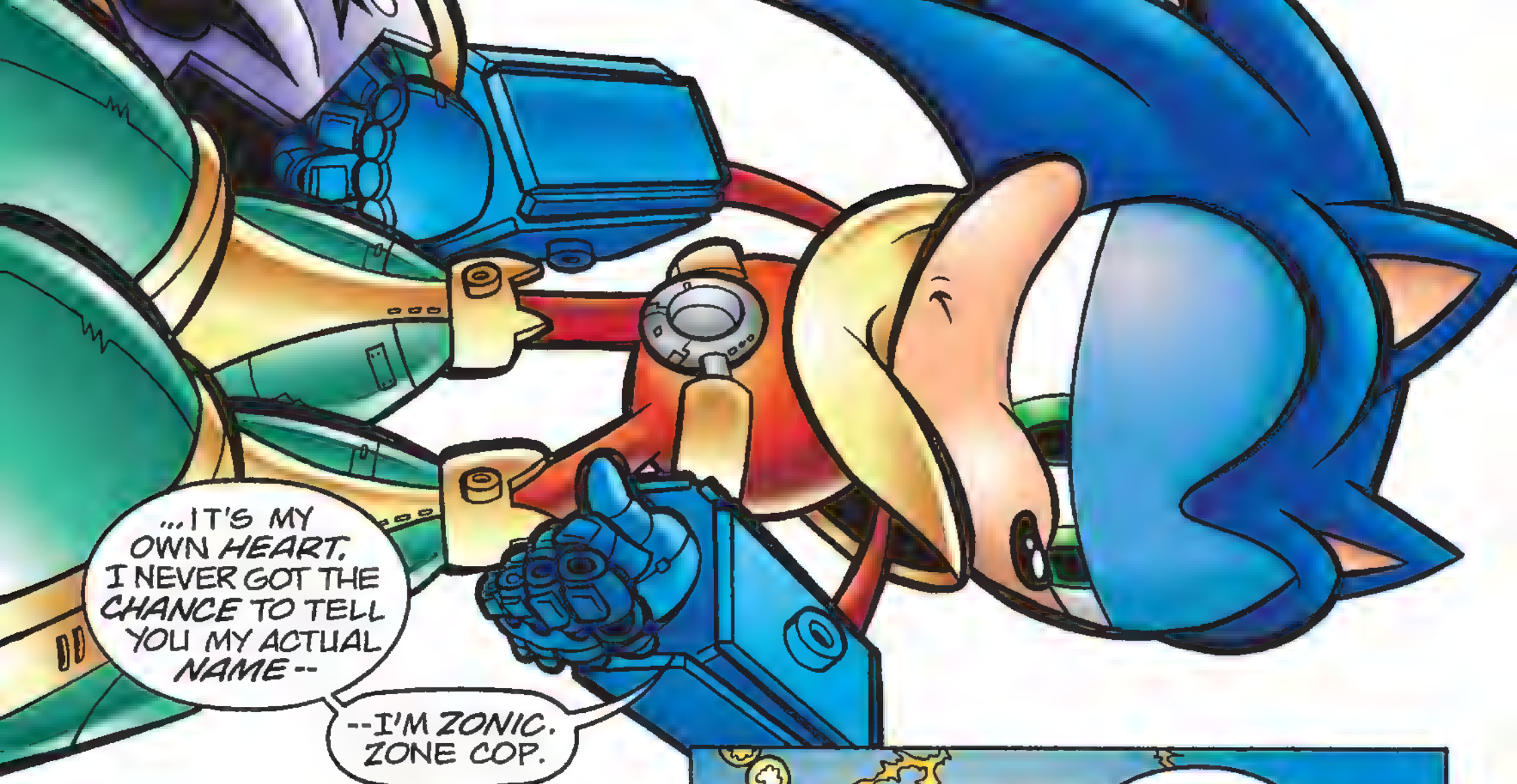


GIMME A BREAK! EVEN IF HE WASN'T FROM MY ZONE, HE WAS STILL MY FATHER!

HOW IN THIS WORLD, OR ANY OTHER, WOULD YOU KNOW WHAT I'M GOING THROUGH? WHAT I FEEL? YOU'RE JUST A NAMELESS, FACELESS ZONE COP!

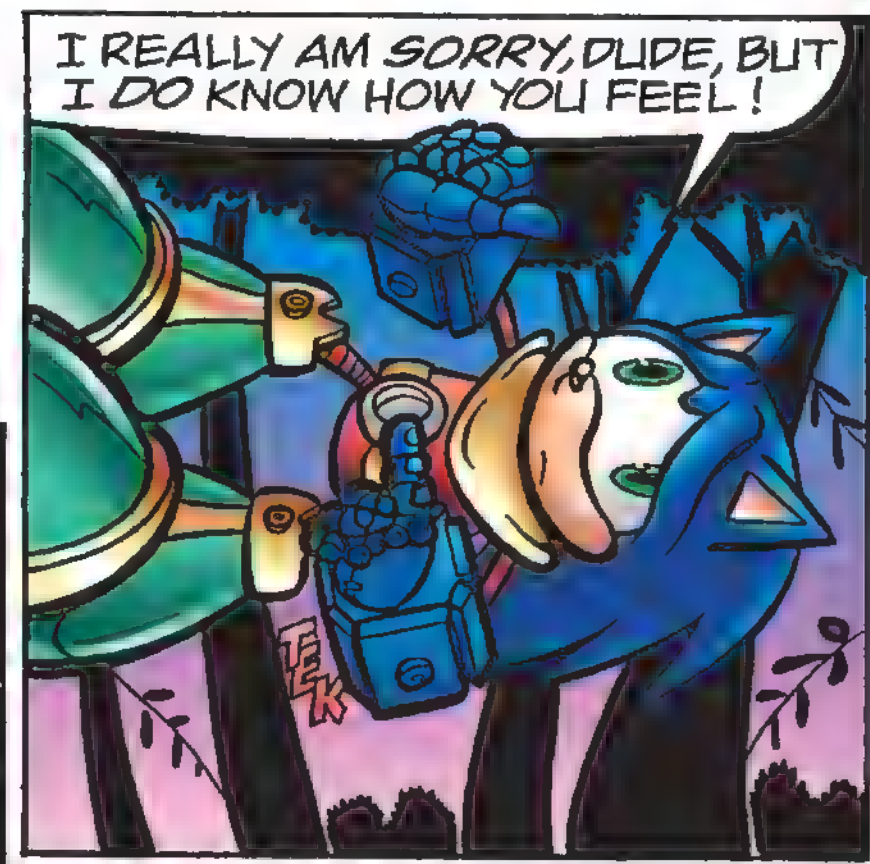


AM I? IF THERE'S ONE THING I KNOW...

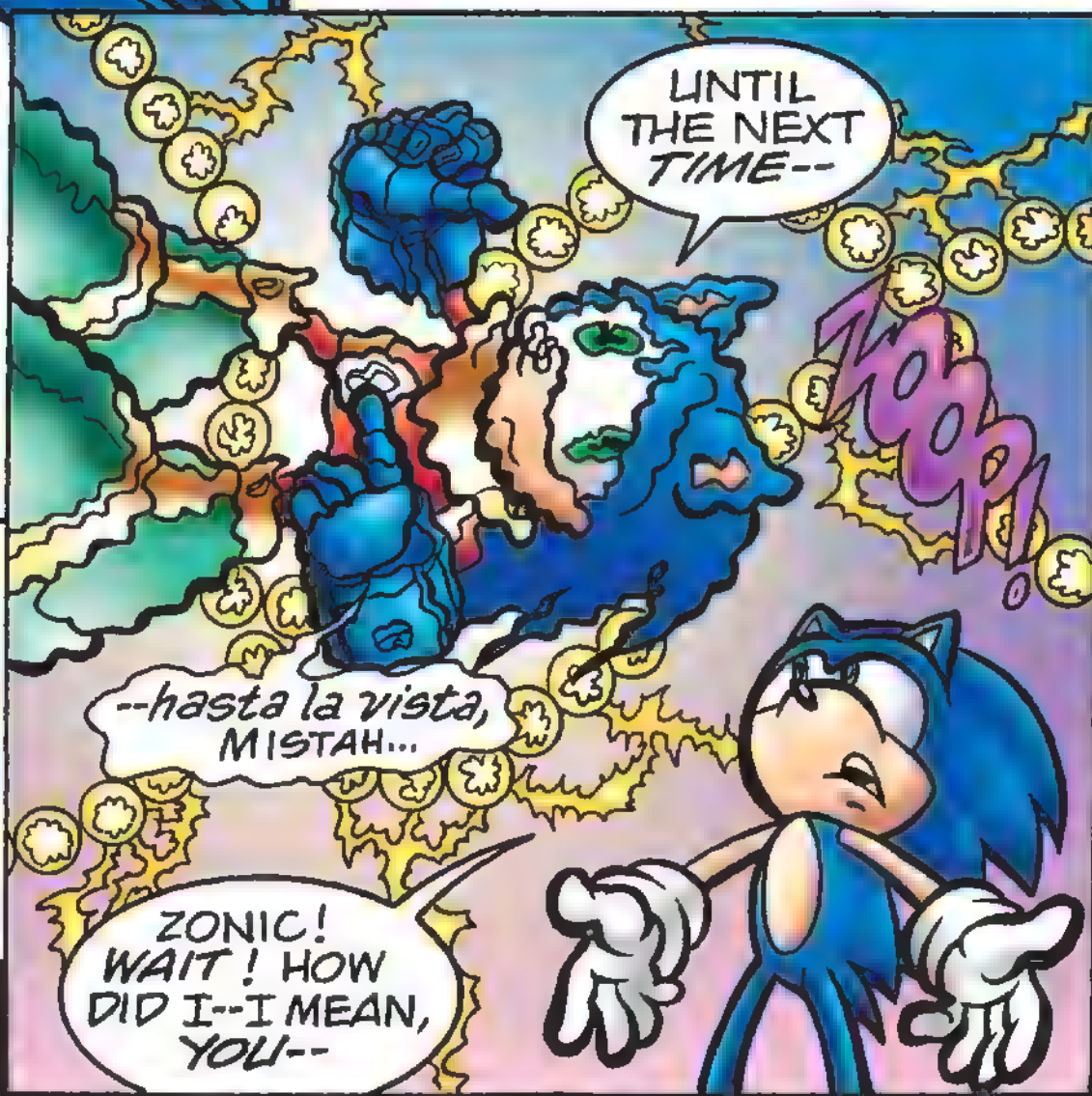


...IT'S MY OWN HEART. I NEVER GOT THE CHANCE TO TELL YOU MY ACTUAL NAME--

--I'M ZONIC. ZONE COP.



I REALLY AM SORRY, DUDE, BUT I DO KNOW HOW YOU FEEL!



UNTIL THE NEXT TIME--

--hasta la vista, MISTAH...

ZONIC! WAIT! HOW DID I--I MEAN, YOU--

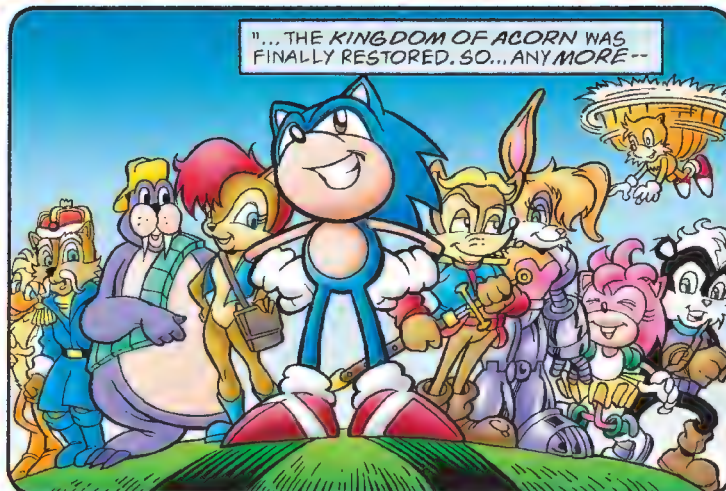
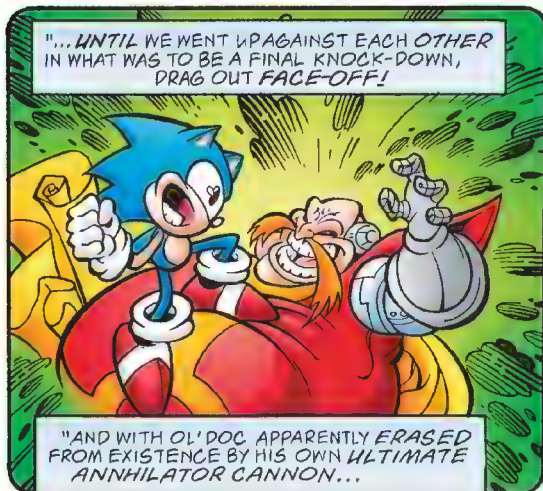
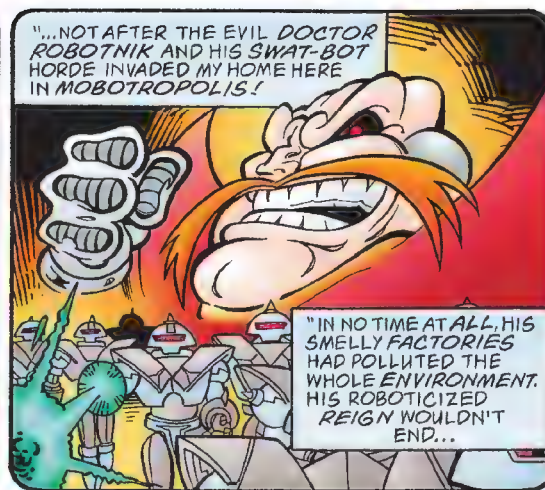
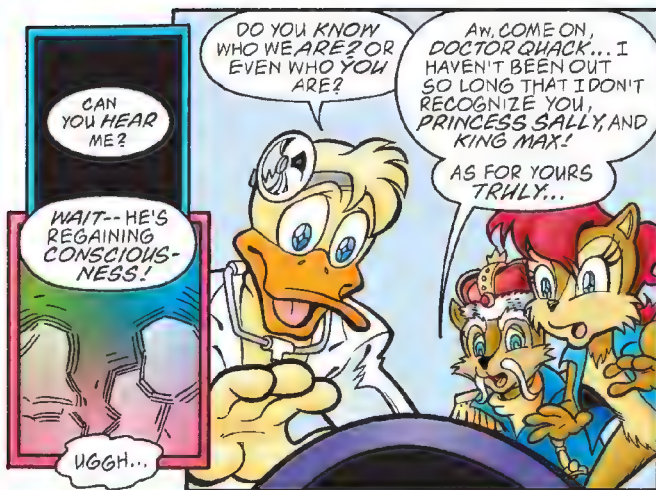
--EVER WIND UP WITH SUCH A FREAKY GIG?

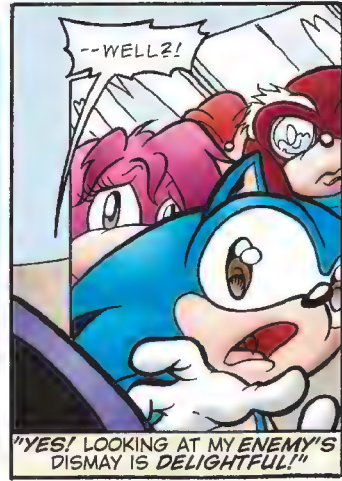
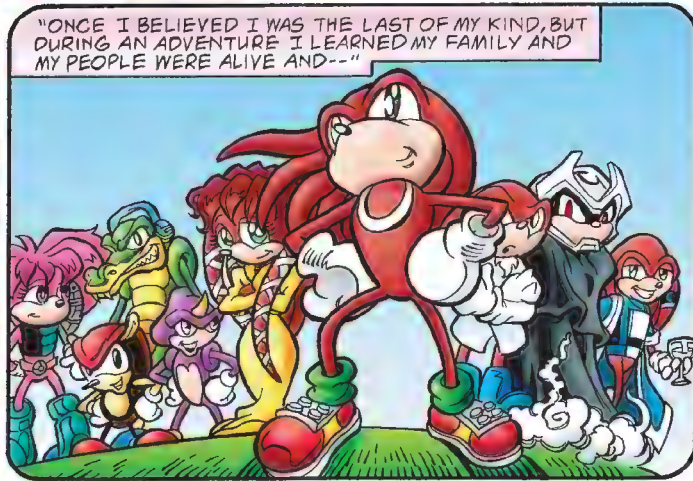
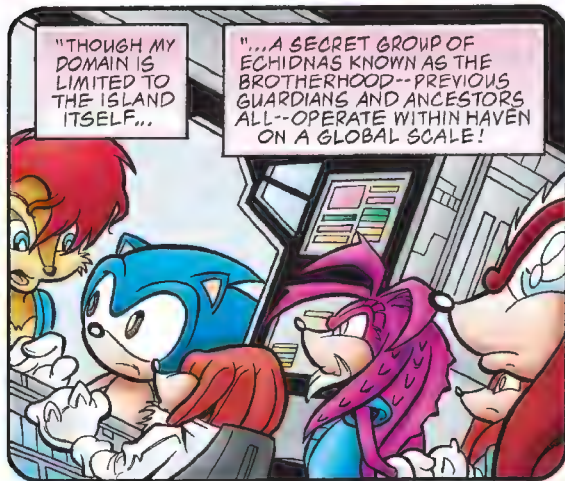
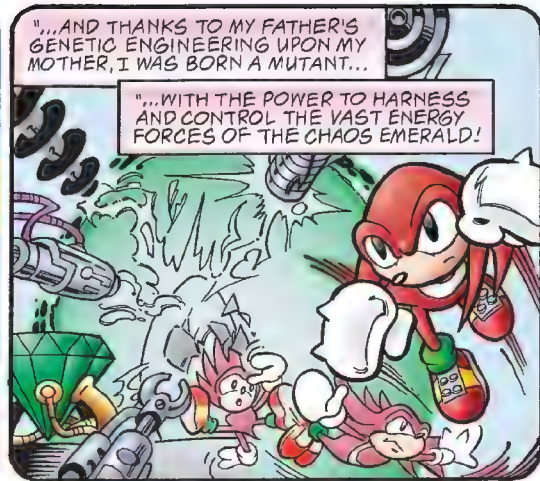
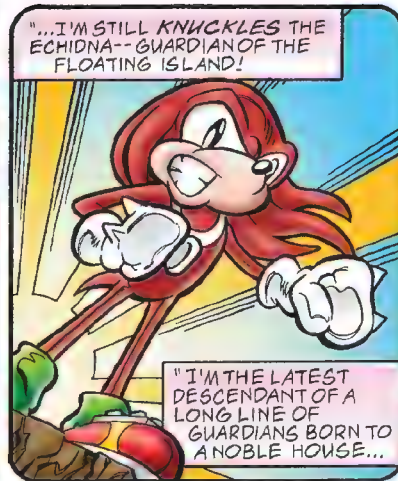
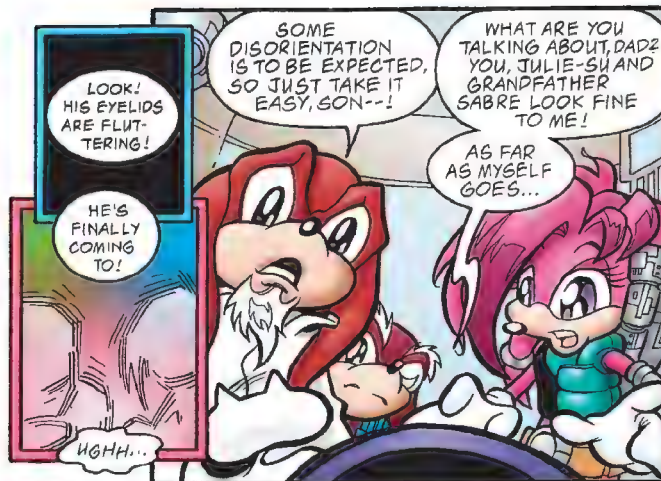
GOT A FEELING I'M GONNA BE WAITING FOR THAT ANSWER...

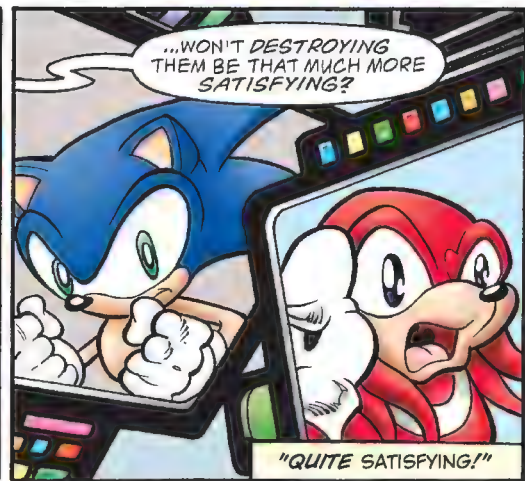
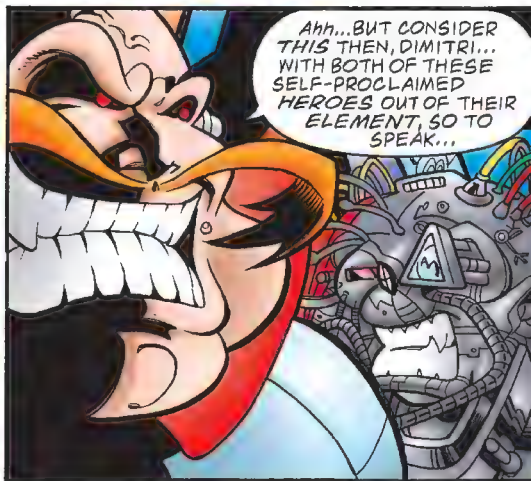
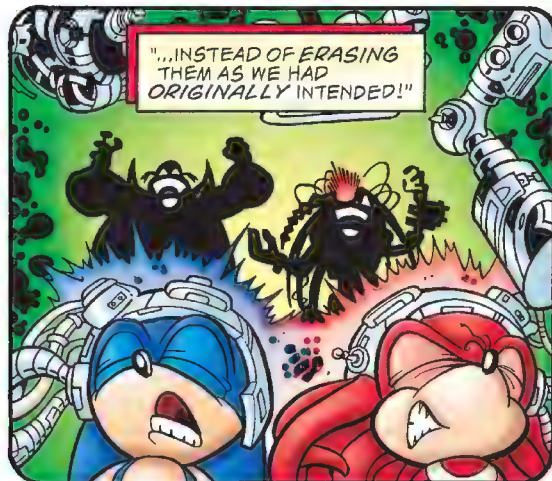
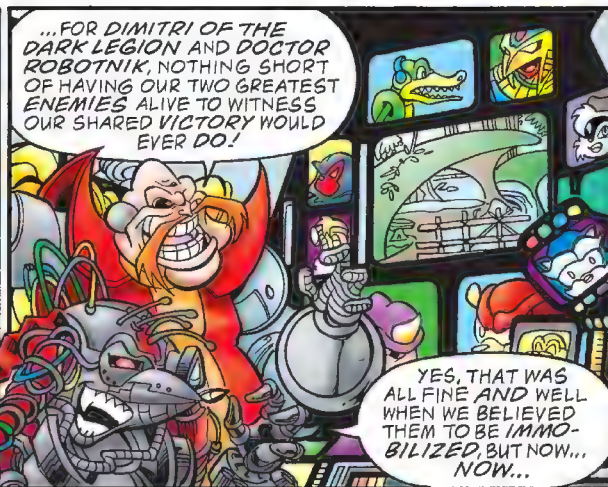
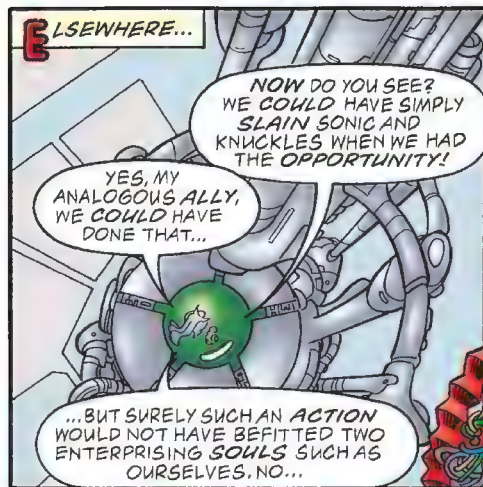
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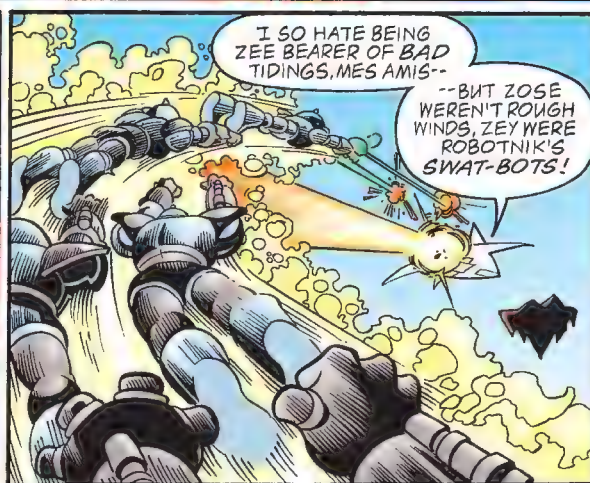
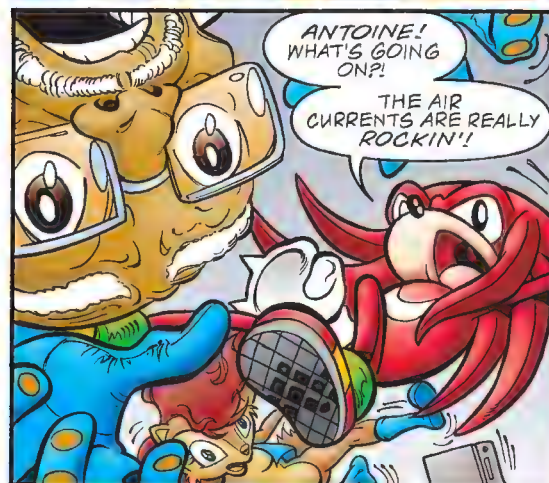
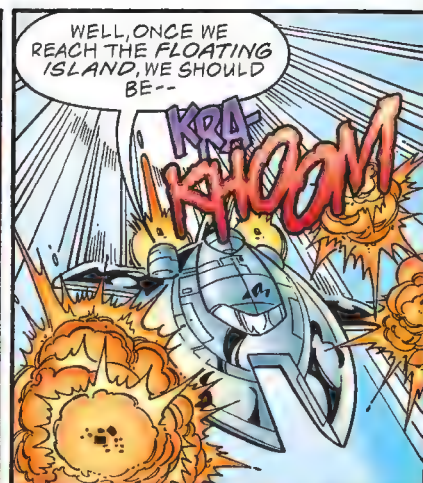
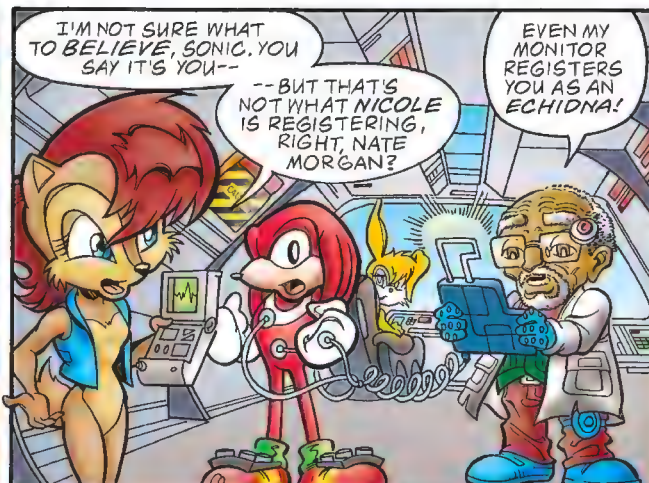
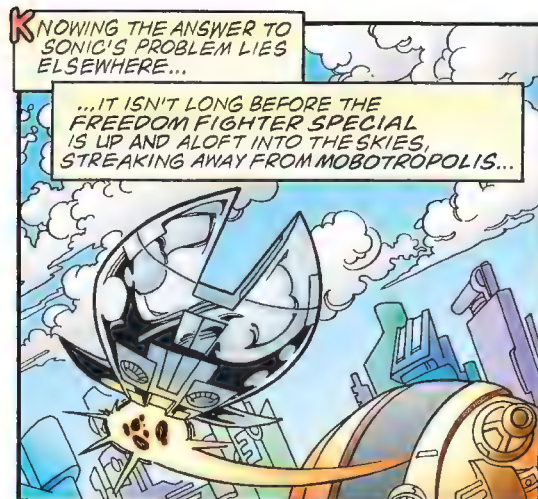
HEY, FANS!
IT'S TIME TO CHANGE THE
WAY YOU READ THIS BOOK -- FOR
THE NEXT BUNCH OF PAGES, FLIP
THE BOOK CLOCKWISE TO READ
IT. THANK YOU AND
GOOD DAY!









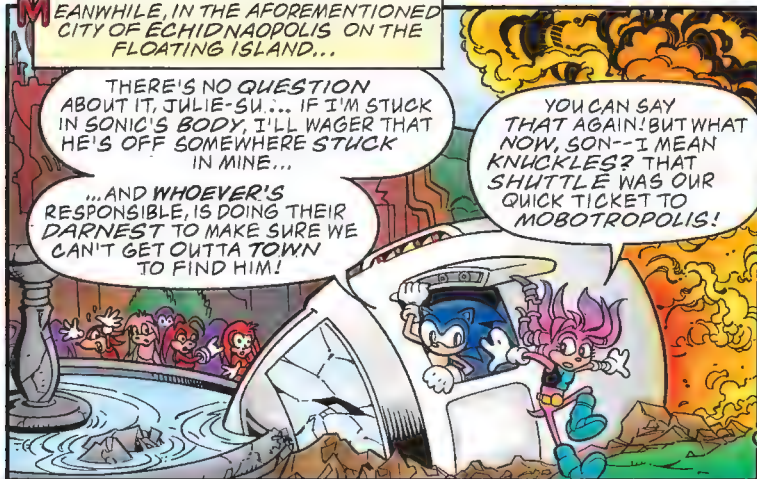


MEANWHILE, IN THE AFOREMENTIONED CITY OF ECHIDNAOPOLIS ON THE FLOATING ISLAND...

THERE'S NO QUESTION ABOUT IT, JULIE-SU... IF I'M STUCK IN SONIC'S BODY, I'LL WAGER THAT HE'S OFF SOMEWHERE STUCK IN MINE...

...AND WHOEVER'S RESPONSIBLE, IS DOING THEIR DARNEST TO MAKE SURE WE CAN'T GET OUTTA TOWN TO FIND HIM!

YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN! BUT WHAT NOW, SON--I MEAN KNUCKLES? THAT SHUTTLE WAS OUR QUICK TICKET TO MOBOTROPOLIS!



NO TIME TO THINK ABOUT THAT NOW--THE GOONS WHO GUNNED US DOWN ARE HERE TO FINISH THE JOB, JULIE-SU!

AND IT DOESN'T SURPRISE ME IN THE LEAST TO LEARN THAT IT'S...

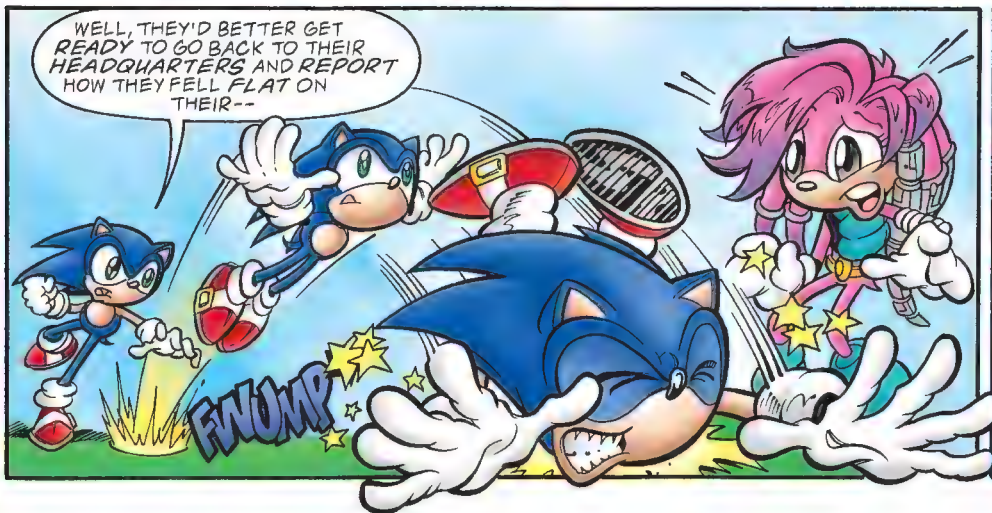


...THE DARK LEGION!

AND IF THESE TECHNO-ZEALOTS ARE TRYING TO BLAST US... THEIR BIG BOSS--MY ULTRA TWISTED ANCESTOR DIMITRI-- MUST BE THE CULPRIT!



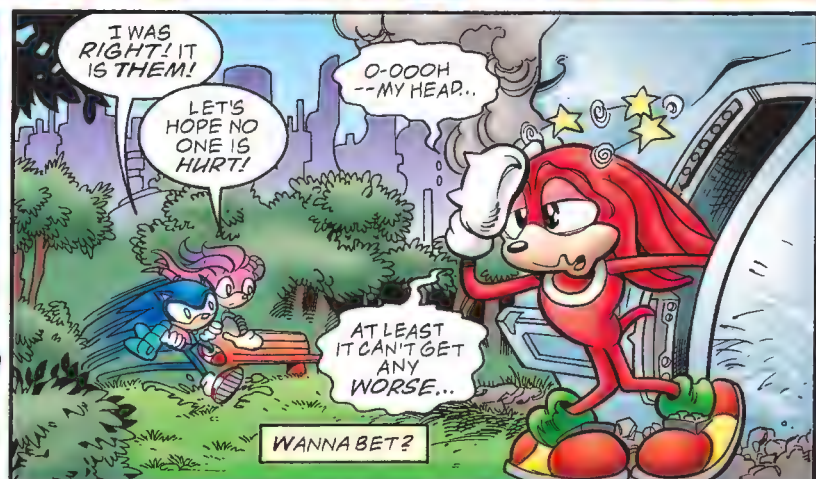
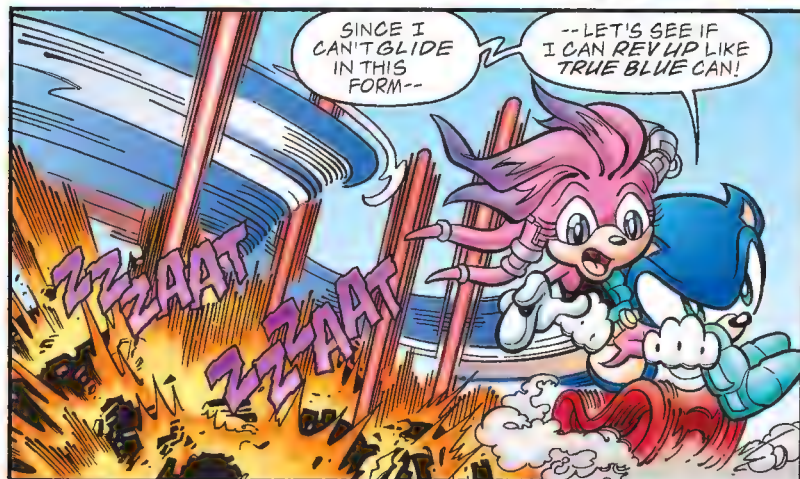
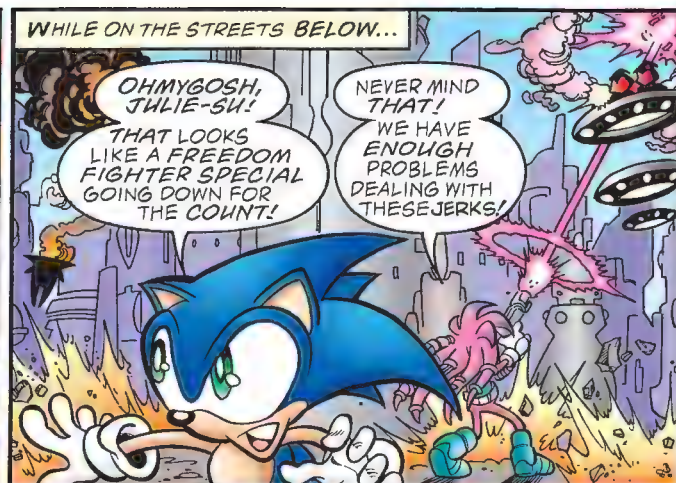
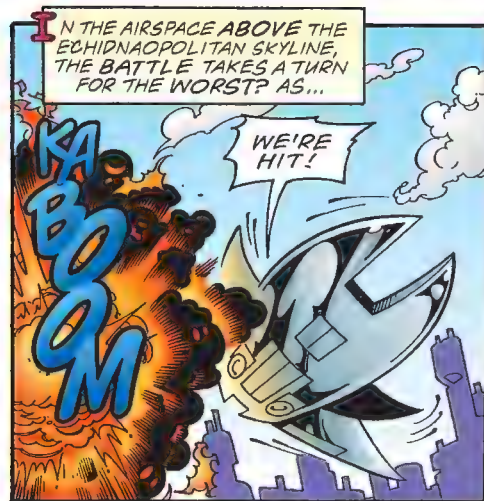
WELL, THEY'D BETTER GET READY TO GO BACK TO THEIR HEADQUARTERS AND REPORT HOW THEY FELL FLAT ON THEIR--

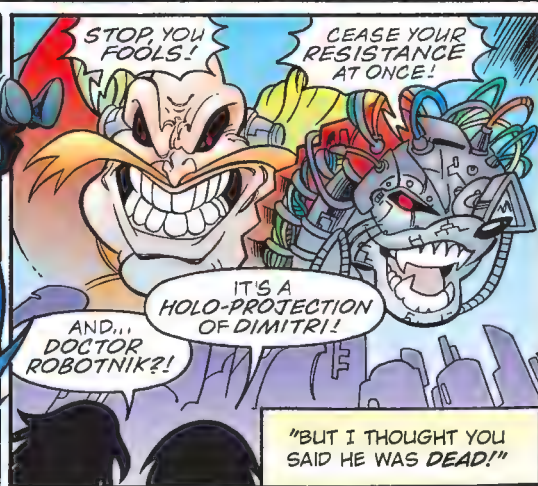
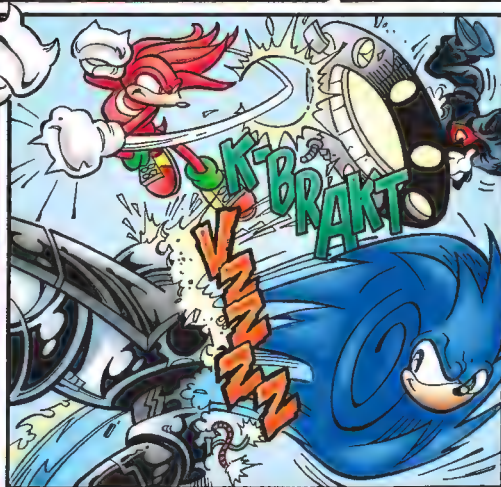
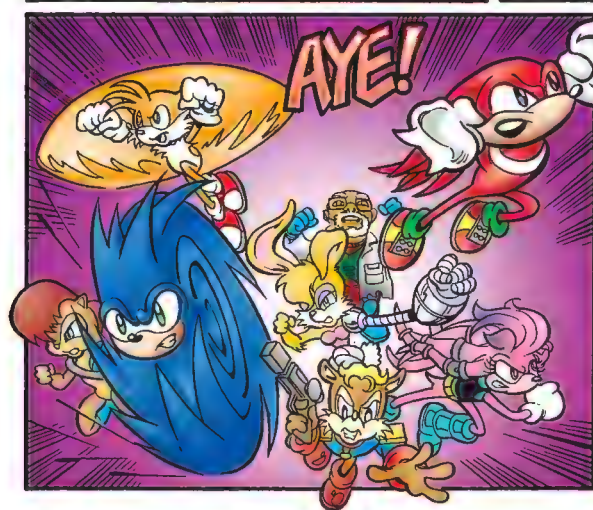
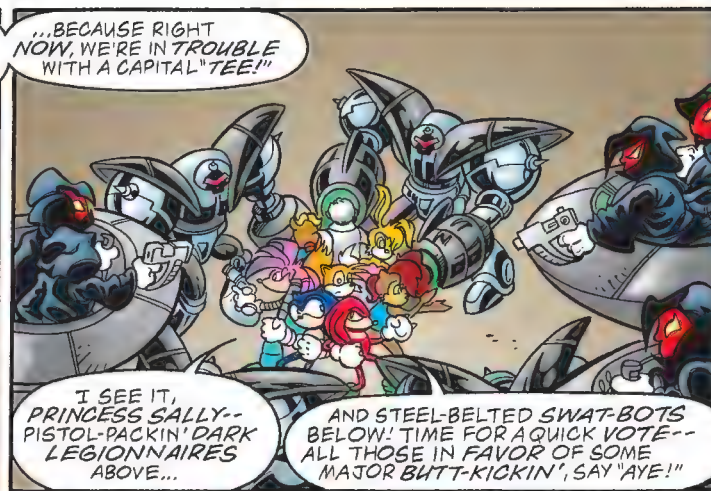


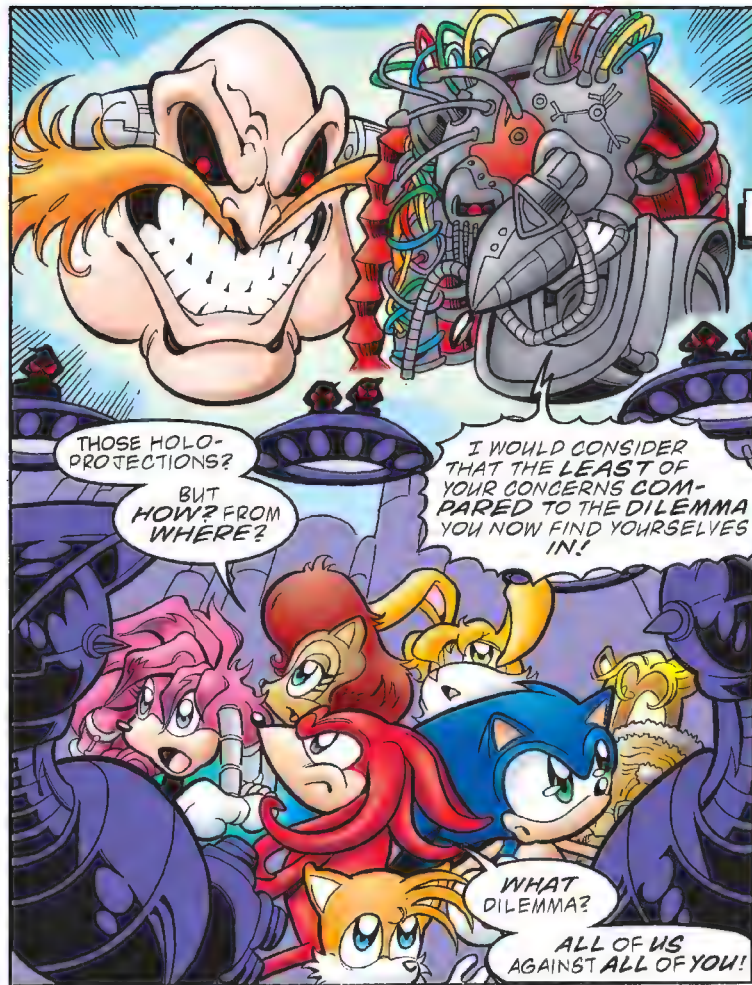
--FACES.



"KNUCKLES--LOOK OUT!!!"

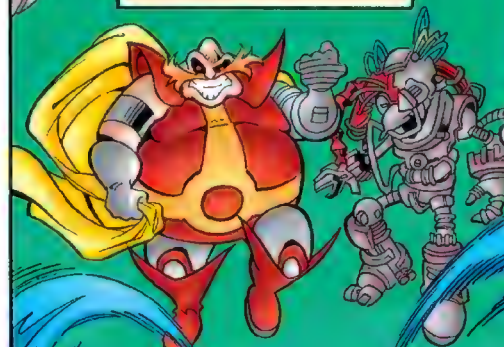






SCANT SECONDS AFTER
BEING TELEPORTED
AWAY FROM THEIR FRIENDS
IN ECHIDNAOPOLIS--

--SONIC AND
KNUCKLES
MATERIALIZE BEFORE
THEIR ARCH-FOES...
DOCTOR ROBOTNIK
AND DIMITRI OF THE
DARK LEGION!



OKAY, DIMITRI--WHAT
NASTY SCHEME HAVE
YOU COOKED UP THIS
TIME?

AND WHAT'S YOUR
STORY, RO"BU"TT'NIK?
I SAW YOU BITE THE
DUST WITH MY OWN
TWO EYES!



COME NOW, SONIC...HAVEN'T
YOU LEARNED BY NOW
THAT APPEARANCES CAN
BE SO DECEIVING?
AND REALLY, KNUCKLES...

...YOU **SHOULDN'T**
GIVE DIMITRI FULL
CREDIT FOR THIS
CAPER!

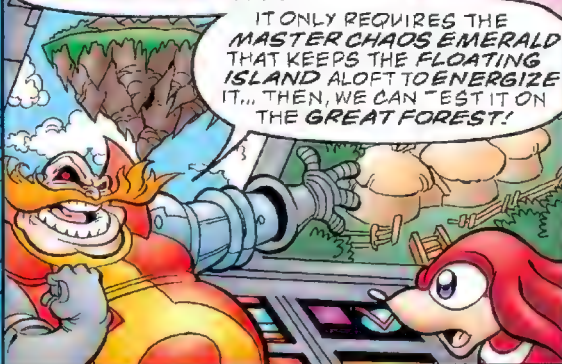


HE'S RIGHT, GUARDIAN--
ROBOTNIK IS AS RESPONSIBLE
FOR THE CHAOS-CANNON
AS I AM!

CHAOS-
CANNON?



YES...THE CHAOS-CANNON--
ITS BLAST IS CAPABLE OF TURNING
ANYTHING IT STRIKES INTO
ORGANIC METAL, WHETHER IT BE
FLORA OR FAUNA!



IT ONLY REQUIRES THE
MASTER CHAOS EMERALD
THAT KEEPS THE FLOATING
ISLAND ALOFT TO ENERGIZE
IT... THEN, WE CAN TEST IT ON
THE GREAT FOREST!

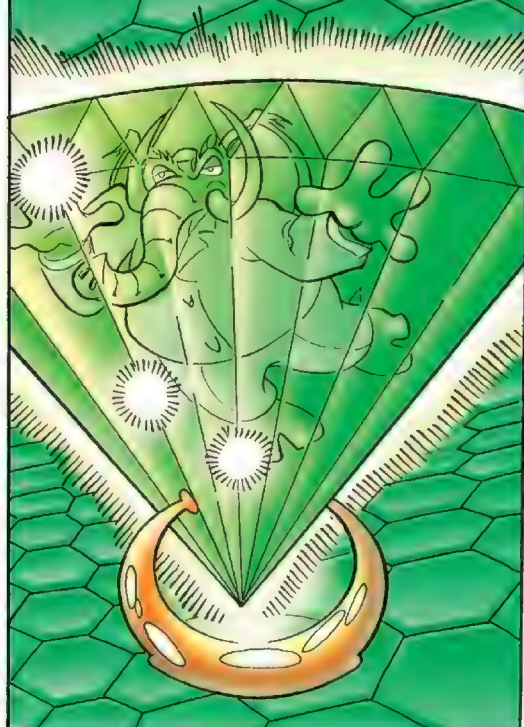
ONLY WE HAVE THE POWER
TO RETURN YOUR MINDS TO
THEIR RIGHTFUL BODIES, SO
IF YOU HALF-DESIRE US TO
DO SO...

...YOU'LL BRING US
THE MASTER
EMERALD AT
ONCE!

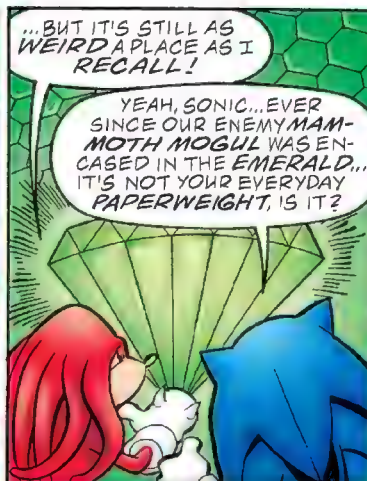


DEEP WITHIN THE FLOATING ISLAND EXISTS THE CHAOS CHAMBER, SANCTUARY TO THE THE FABLED MASTER EMERALD--

-- THE SOURCE OF POWER WHICH MAINTAINS THE ISLAND'S FLIGHT OVER THE MOBIAN SURFACE BELOW...



BEEN AWHILE SINCE I WAS LAST HERE, KNUCKLES...



...BUT IT'S STILL AS WEIRD A PLACE AS I RECALL!

YEAH, SONIC...EVER SINCE OUR ENEMY MAM-MOTH MOGUL WAS EN-CASED IN THE EMERALD... IT'S NOT YOUR EVERYDAY PAPERWEIGHT, IS IT?



SO WHAT DO WE DO NOW, RAD RED?

YOU'RE ASKING ME?

IF WE REMOVE THAT EMERALD YOU CAN KISS THE FLOATING ISLAND AND EVERYONE ON IT BYE-BYE!



AND IF WE DON'T WE'RE STUCK IN EACH OTHER'S BODIES FOR THE REST OF OUR LIVES!

THE ONLY PART OF THIS DEAL THAT REEKS IS YOU GET TO BE ME!



DON'T KNOCK BEING AN ECHIDNA UNTIL YOU'VE BEEN ONE FOR AS LONG AS I HAVE!

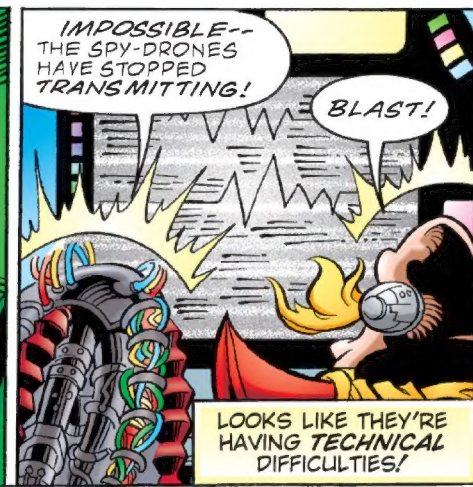
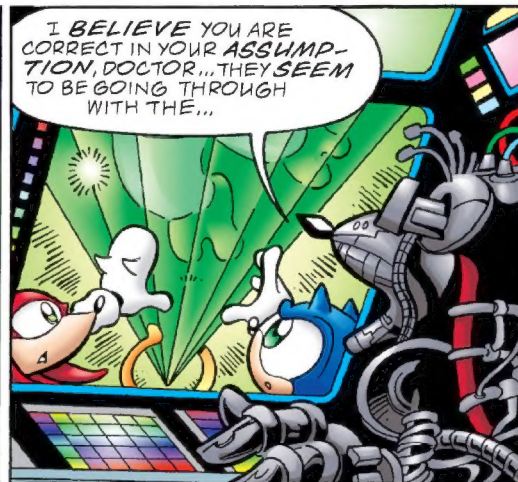
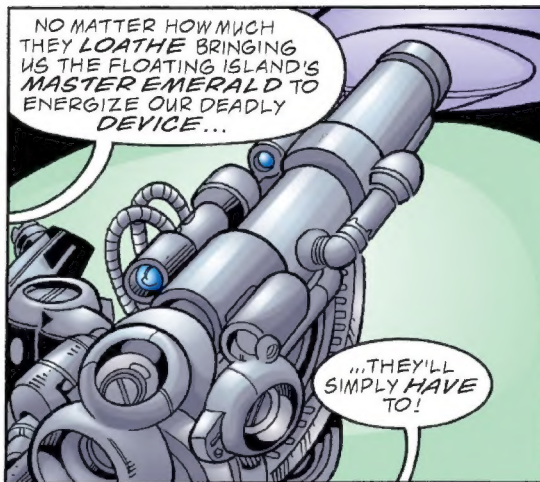
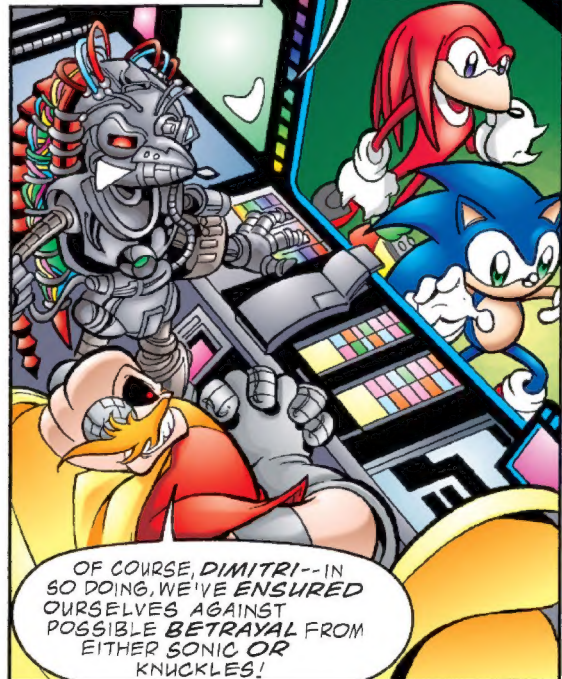
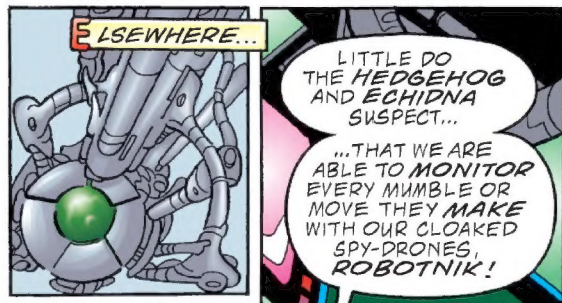


NO MATTER HOW THEY THREATEN US, WE CAN'T ALLOW DIMITRI AND ROBOTNIK TO GET THEIR HANDS ON THAT EMERALD!

SO WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?

LET'S DO IT TO IT!

WHAT'S NEXT, HEROES?

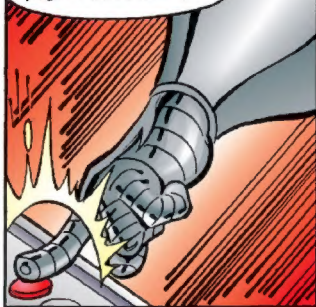


WITH THE VIDEO TRANSMISSION FROM THEIR SPY-DRONES NOW CUT OFF, BOTH DOCTOR ROBOTNIK AND THE LEADER OF THE DARK LEGIONNAIRES, KNOWN AS DIMITRI, CONTEMPLATE THE POSSIBILITIES...



IF THEY KNOW WHAT'S GOOD FOR THEM THEY'LL BE IN POSITION, OTHERWISE THIS WILL BE QUITE A MESS!

THE TELE-PORTER IS NOW ACTIVATED!



MISS US, BLUBBERBUG? WE BARELY HAD TIME TO GET THE JEWEL OUT OF ITS CRADLE!

GADZOOKS! THEY REALLY DID IT!

EVEN I MUST ADMIT SOME SURPRISE THAT YOU WENT ALONG WITH THIS, KNUCKLES!

ANY PLACE IN PARTICULAR YOU WANT US TO PUT IT?



WHAT OTHER OPTIONS DID HE HAVE?

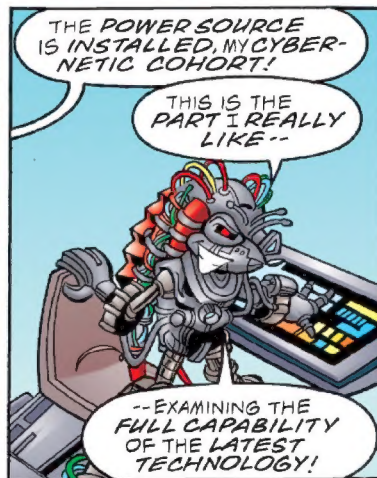
NOW, GENTLY-- GENTLY-- PLACE THE MASTER EMERALD INTO ITS SETTING YOU SEE THERE!



THE POWER SOURCE IS INSTALLED, MY CYBERNETIC COHORT!

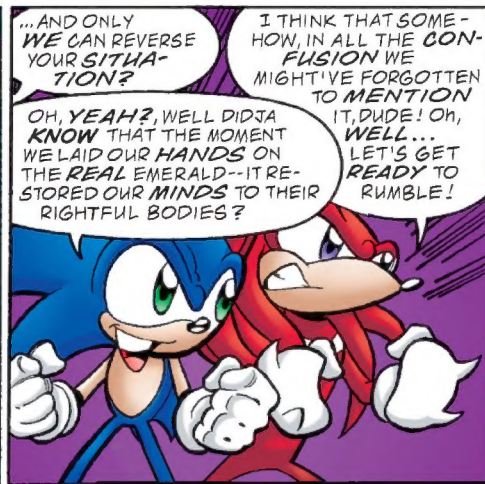
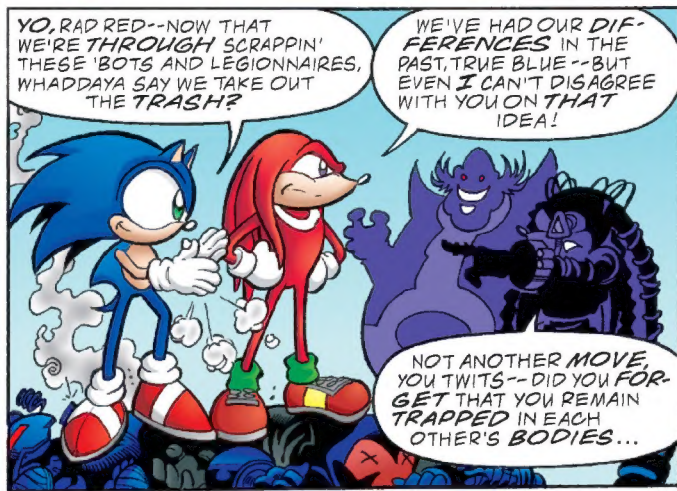
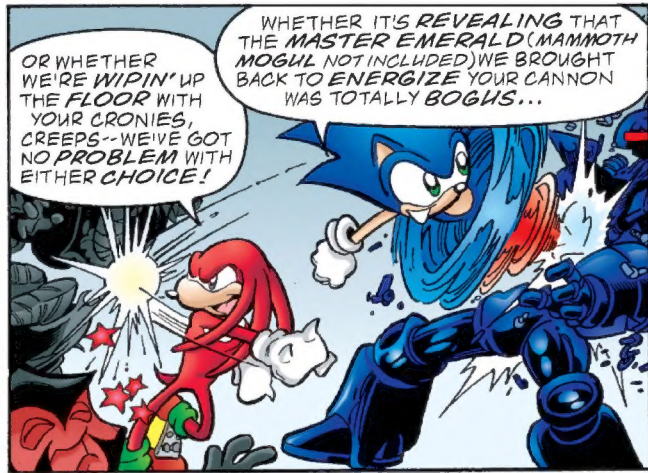
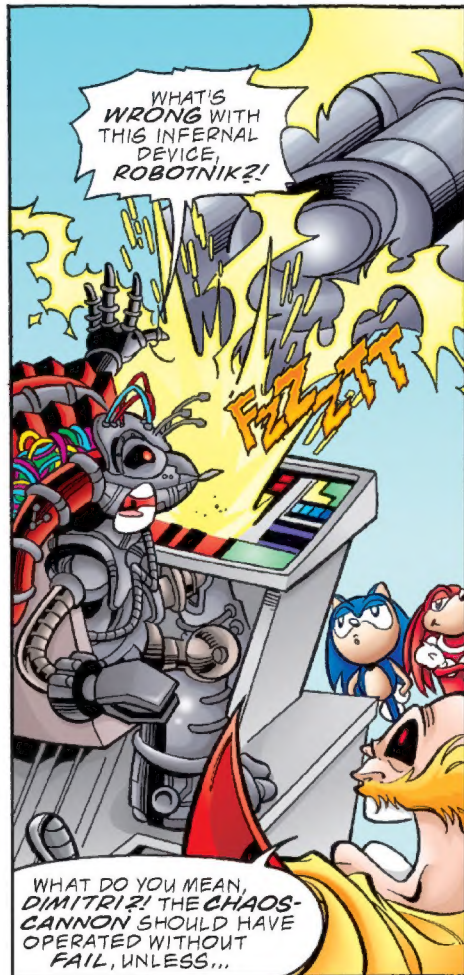
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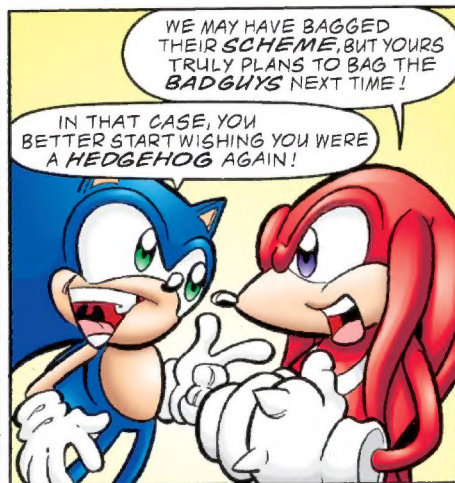
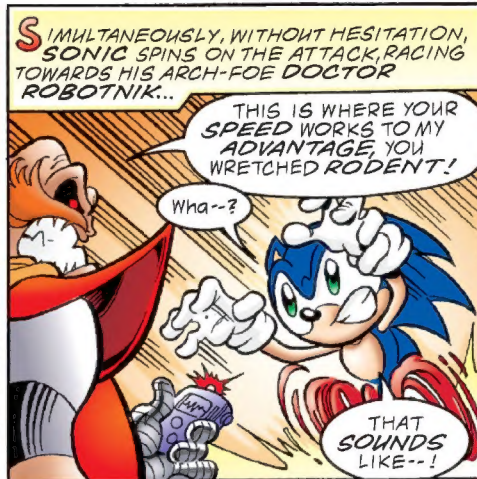
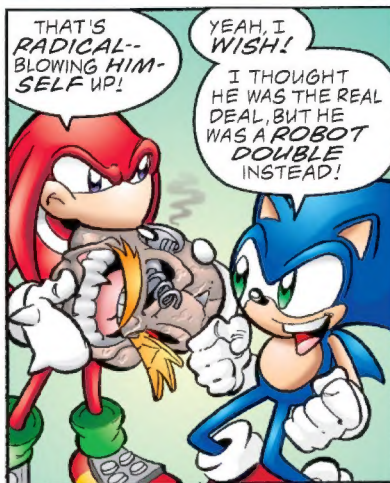
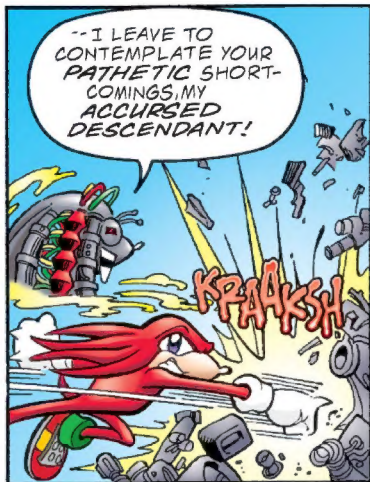
--EXAMINING THE FULL CAPABILITY OF THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY!



LET'S BEGIN BY DESTROYING THE GREAT FOREST AS A BETA TEST, SHALL WE?







THE END!